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## Israelis take U.N. positions

BEIRUT, April 9 (AP) — Israeli troops in armored personnel carriers rolled across Lebanon's southern border Wednesday and set up positions within U.N. controlled areas, the spokesman for the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon reported here.

Samir Sanbar said five armored personnel carriers moved into UNIFIL's Irish area of operations at Beit Yehoun and Qounin, respectively seven and eight kilometers north of the Israeli border, at 0915 local time (0715 GMT).

Sanbar declined to say why the Israelis moved in. But Western diplomatic sources with daily contact with UNIFIL said the Israeli move appeared to be part of new measures to combat Palestinian resistance.

Diplomatic sources here said Israeli troops also established military presence at a Ghanalan-held U.N. area about 10 kilometers east of positions established at the Irish area.

The sources identified the eastern point of the Israeli deployment as Shakra, which is 1.5 kilometers within the UNIFIL zone.

Sanbar declined to comment on the deployment in Shakra, where the diplomats said nearly 100 Israeli troops were very much in evidence and digging in.

Israeli spokesmen contend the raiding party managed to slip through a pass between the Irish held areas into Misgav Am.

The raid was mounted by the Iraqi-backed Arab Liberation Front, one of the eight major groups that make up the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The ALF said one purpose for the raid was to protest U.S. President Jimmy Carter's endeavor with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Begin to break a deadlock over proposed plans for Palestinian autonomy in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Israel has dropped hints that it will retaliate.

Diplomats here said between 25 and 30 Israeli troops were digging in near Beit Yehoun and Qounin. Sanbar said two Israeli carriers took up positions near Qounin and two near Tiri, less than a kilometer southwest of Qounin.

Israel and its right-wing Lebanese Christian allies, who control a 10-kilometer-wide strip along the 59-mile border, claim UNIFIL has been unable to check commando movement through U.N. lines.

The ALF said the attack was carried out by commandos from several countries, including Pakistan.

It said the unit was composed of a Syrian, an Egyptian, an Iraqi, a Pakistani and a Palestinian.

The youngest was 19, the oldest 25 years of age. ALF said in a statement on the Iraqi radio.

The participation of comrades from several Arab countries in the operation shows that the battle of Palestine is the battle of the entire Arab nation, from the Atlantic to the Gulf," the statement said.

## Khartoum resumes ties with Baghdad

KHARTOUM, April 9 (R) — Sudan has announced the restoration of diplomatic relations with Iraq, the Sudan News Agency (Suna) said Wednesday.

A statement issued by the foreign ministry here said the decision was made in the light of Sudanese-Iraqi contacts and in the interests of solidarity in the Arab region, Suna said.

Last week Iraq announced it had decided to resume diplomatic relations with Sudan following the delivery of a message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri.

Sudan and Iraq broke off diplomatic relations a year ago, after the Iraqi press criticized what it said was Sudan's support for the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.



**MARTYRS:** These two unidentified Palestinian commandos were killed by Israeli fire after they and three others attacked the Misgav-Am settlement Monday near the Israeli-Lebanese border. At the end of a nine-hour siege, all five commandos, three Israelis were dead and 16 other Israelis wounded.

## 8 officers given medals

RIYADH, April 9 (SPA) — Eight Riyadh police officers were awarded the King Faisal Medal, third class, by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman. The awards were made by order of King Khalid.

Receiving the awards were Maj. Gen. Muhammad ibn Ayyesh, commissioner of police; Col. Fahd Al Shareef, assistant police commissioner; Col. Abdul Rahman Al Shahrani, assistant commissioner for administrative and financial affairs; Col. Ali Muhammad Al Omari, assistant commissioner for operations; Col. Hassan Ali, director of the engineering department; Col. Abdul Rahman Haza, director of the supplies section; Col. Hamood ibn Ayed Al Mutairi, director of Majma Police; and Col. Jameel Mahmood, director of administrative control.

## Abdullah meets Jordanian aides

RIYADH, April 9 (SPA) — Two Jordanian dignitaries met separately Wednesday with Second Deputy Premier Prince Abdullah, commander of the National Guard. Prince Abdullah first met with Jordanian Ambassador Tharwat Al Talhouni and later met with Jameel bin Nasser, uncle of Jordan's King Hussein. The meetings also were attended by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Tuwaijri, deputy commander of the National Guard.

## Ethiopian leader said visiting Sudan in May

KHARTOUM, April 9 (AFP) — Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam is expected to visit neighboring Sudan next month to attend the anniversary celebration of the revolution that brought President Jaafar Numeiri to power, the government magazine *Sudanow* said Wednesday.

It added that the visit "would seem to indicate that the two countries are well on the road to good neighborliness."

The magazine did not specifically refer to cool relations between the two countries over the last three years sparked by the Eritrean problems, but observers pointed out that this would be the first such visit by a leading Ethiopian official during the period.

*Sudanow* said of the impending visit that "it is especially important to note that improved relations with Ethiopia will be crucial in determining our future ties with Egypt."

"Emphasis given to security links in our dealings have perhaps distorted our relations in other spheres," it added.

The magazine pointed out that "priority was given to the signing in February 1977 of the joint military pact (between Sudan and Egypt) an agreement made against a background of apprehension about Ethiopia's intentions towards Sudan and Nile waters."

## Red army casualties mount; 36 pro-Soviets killed

ISLAMABAD, April 9 (AP) — Afghan freedom fighters recaptured the city of Kama in the eastern province of Kunar Tuesday following two days of battle with Afghan government troops, an Afghan Muslim group in Pakistan said.

The group — Hizbe Islami (Islamic Party) — said in a statement issued at Peshawar, 100 miles (160 kilometers) west of here, that 36 government troops were killed in the battle. One freedom fighter was dead and two others were wounded, it said.

The city had been occupied by the government troops for a week until the freedom fighters drove them out, according to the statement.

In other recent fighting, it said, other Muslim forces destroyed seven tanks in the Parwan province.

Western visitors returning from Soviet central Asia have reported signs of increasing Red Army casualties in the Afghan war, including the presence of more than 100 bandaged men outside military hospitals.

The visitors, who declined to be identified by name, said they also saw indications of the busy transfer of Soviet troops in and out of

## U.N. opens debate on Palestine

### Israelis break up Arab demonstration

UNITED NATIONS, April 9 (AP) — The U.N. Security Council opened its fourth meeting on Palestinian rights at 12:34 a.m. (1634 GMT) Wednesday.

The council resumed debate on Palestinian rights after an effort Tuesday to postpone the meeting until July failed.

Western members of the council had sought to put off discussion of the issue, including the right of Palestinians to a state of their own, in view of the current Israeli-Egyptian talks on Palestinian self-rule.

The first speaker in the meeting, Soviet ambassador Oleg A. Troyanovsky, referred to the U.S. reversal of its March 1 vote for dismantling Israeli settlements in occupied Arab territory.

He called that measure "a small step" and said even it was "too much for the United States."

Other speakers were the representatives of Bangladesh, East Germany, Bahrain, Morocco, Vietnam and the PLO.

Bangladesh Ambassador Abul Ahsan accused Israel of pursuing "its own internationally denounced prescription for peace through a policy that is the very antithesis of peace."

He said the council could no longer "ignore...the critical issue of Palestine and the rights of the Palestinian people without imperiling peace and compounding injustice."

Referring indirectly to the United States, Ambassador Salman Al-Saffar of Bahrain said "the negative position of one of its permanent members" prevented the Security Council from adopting measures to end Israel's occupation of Arab territories.

In another development Israeli occupation troops broke up two Palestinian demonstrations in the West Bank Wednesday, as two Arab mayors from the occupied territory were acquitted on charges of assaulting an Israeli policeman.

The charges against the nationalist mayors, Ibrahim Tawil of el Birch and Kerim Khalaf of Ramallah, stemmed from a scuffle in November 1978 outside a courtroom where West Bank Palestinians were contesting expropriation of their land. The mayors said the charges were politically motivated.

In Ramallah, five miles north of Jerusalem, scores of high school students blocked roads, burned tires and hurled stones before troops stopped the protest, arresting a number of students.



**SKINHEADS:** Over 1,000 British youths calling themselves "skinheads" invaded the London Southend resort of Golden Mile over the Easter weekend. They rampaged through the town yelling Nazi slogans, stopping traffic and knocking over chairs and tables where families were trying to picnic. In one clash, pictured above, 20 skinheads caught a leather-jacketed, long-haired young man who fell beneath a hail of punches and kicks. The girl pictured at right tried to stop them before the police arrived. The skinheads were eventually rounded up by police dogs.



**PLA EXHIBITION:** A one-week cultural exhibition organized by the Palestine Liberation Organization, office in Saudi Arabia was opened in Riyadh Wednesday by Prince Faisal bin Fahd (second from left), director of the Youth Welfare Organization. The prince toured the various parts of the exhibition, including the book section in which Palestinian publishers specialized in the Palestinian problem are displaying a collection. The other parts reflect the diverse activities of the Palestinian Revolution in both the military and artistic fields. There is also a special section in which handicraft works and art pieces by children of the fallen soldiers are displayed. Abu Shaker (second from right) the organization's representative in Saudi Arabia, said that Friday will be the day for women visitors, adding that the exhibition will be an annual feature and will move from one city to another in the kingdom.

## Khomeini predicts fall of Iraq's government

TEHRAN, April 9 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Khomeini Wednesday attacked Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and predicted that Iraq's ruling Baathist regime would be "thrown into the dustbin of history like the regime of the Shah."

The Ayatollah's message followed worsening relations between Iran and its neighbor, including border clashes and the expulsion of Iranian nationals by Baghdad.

The message called on Iranians and their government to give the deportees, "victims of the American plot and the hand of the Baath," an "honorable life" after their expulsion.

The Iraqi regime was mistaken in believing that being Arab was better than being Islamic because the Arab people would defend Islam against its enemies, the message added.

"Our Arab brothers should know that we are fighting their enemies with the Iraqi Baathist regime at their head, that we are the friends of their friends and we share their difficulties."

The message came as 3,000 deportees were reported arriving in Iran.

Iran's Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, claiming Iraq is an American stooge, announced Wednesday that "we have decided to overthrow the Baathist regime" in Baghdad, according to Tehran radio.

Ghotbzadeh also accused President Hus-

sein of being "America's agent." This ran counter to the generally accepted view that Hussein's socialist government is one of the most anti-American in the Middle East.

Tehran radio quoted the foreign minister as telling reporters: "We are determined to overthrow the Baathist regime of Iraq" and "are prepared for any confrontation against their acts of sabotage."

"Any country supporting America in practice must face action similar to that Iran has taken against America," the radio quoted Ghotbzadeh as saying.

Iran on Monday pulled its diplomats out of Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, and on Tuesday shut down the Iraqi News Agency and the office of Iraq's diplomatic representative in Tehran.

Tehran radio claimed Iraqi forces were attacking sporadically with both heavy and light weapons in the Qasr-E-Shirin area of Kermanshah province in bitterly northwest Iran, about 110 miles northeast of Baghdad.

The radio said one Iraqi border post was destroyed. In the same area the radio reported Iraqi artillery attacks Monday and Tuesday, and said Iranian troops and revolutionary guards had struck back across the border.

In Baghdad, the official Iraqi News Agency, INA, quoted Saddam Hussein as saying: "He who tries to stretch a finger against Iraq will lose that finger."

On Sunday, Iraq sent a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim demanding Iran withdraw its troops from three islands west of the strait of Hormuz through which much of the world's oil flows.

The islands of Abu Mousa, the Greater Tumb and Smaller Tumb were conquered by Iranian forces in 1971 after Britain terminated a defense treaty with the Gulf states that controlled the islands. Iraq is demanding that Iran return the islands to the United Arab Emirates.

## Dayan, Carter meet in secret

### Autonomy talks gain no progress

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 9 — Former Israeli Foreign Minister Moshé Dayan met secretly here last week with President Carter to discuss the Palestinian autonomy talks, Arab News has learned.

At the half-hour meeting with the president, Dayan recommended that, if the autonomy talks fail, Israel should proceed to implement its own plan for Palestinian autonomy, U.S. sources said.

During the meeting, which was held at the White House at the end of last week, Carter and Dayan discussed the possibility of success for the autonomy negotiations, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's stand on autonomy, and the question of how serious the Begin government is about the negotiations.

The U.S. president wanted to meet with Dayan alone, but the former foreign minister insisted that Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron take part in the session, sources said. Dayan wanted Evron to witness the meeting to avoid the possibility of later being charged with "stabbing the Begin government in the back," the sources added.

During the meeting, Carter asked Dayan what should be done if the current U.S.-Egyptian-Israeli autonomy talks reach a dead-end, according to the sources.

Dayan was quoted as saying in reply: "In that case, Israel should proceed by itself in establishing autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza."

Dayan's meeting with Carter was arranged by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who had earlier discussed the same topics with the former foreign minister.

After bearing what Dayan had to say on autonomy, Vance quickly arranged for a meeting with the president.

Carter and Sadat devoted much of their summit talks to the escalating crisis in the Gulf region and discussed a NATO-style regional security pact in the Arab Middle East to counter Soviet expansion, authoritative U.S. sources said Wednesday.

Sadat told Carter Egypt would be willing to join such a pact, provided the U.S. solved the Palestinian problem to the satisfaction of the Arab states, the sources said.

The security pact, a concept floated by the United States on previous occasions, would ideally include such countries as Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states.

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## Military affairs discussed

## Sultan receives delegation

RIYADH, April 9 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan received a U.S. Congress delegation led by Melvin Prince, head of the military affairs committee Wednesday.

Talks dealt with relations between Saudi Arabia and the United States.

Meanwhile, it was learned Wednesday that Prince Sultan will inspect military installations in the Eastern Province Saturday.

The tour will include King Abdul Aziz naval base in Jubail, King Abdul Aziz airbase and other new installations.

On Sunday, the prince will officiate at the graduation ceremony of the 22nd and 23rd cadet class of the Technical Studies academy in Dhahran. The 38 graduates include a number of Sudanese and North Yemeni nationals.



Prince Sultan

## Zorreguista trip continues

## Minister tours Hasa project

HASA, April 9 (SPA) — Argentinian Agriculture Minister Jorge Zorreguista Wednesday visited the Hasa Irrigation and Drainage Project as part of his tour of agricultural development projects in the Kingdom. Zorreguista has been touring the country since his arrival earlier in the week.

Tuesday, Saudi Arabia and Argentina signed letters of intent to cooperate in animal husbandry projects. Zorreguista and Commerce Minister Dr. Sulaiman A. Solaiman signed the letter, which aims to establish joint

research and projects in animal husbandry and other fields. A team of Argentinian experts will conduct a feasibility study and draw up plans and program directives for the project.

The agreement involves research by Argentinian experts in pasture development, food production, animal husbandry and beef production within the Kingdom. Suitable sites for farming projects also will be selected, according to the agreement.

## Swissair 1979 profits \$139 million

SWISSAIR airlines has announced its gross profits for fiscal 1979 totaled \$139.8 million, despite the massive increase in fuel prices and the temporary loss of revenues from the grounding of DC-10 jets earlier in the year.

Swissair produced revenues of \$1.509 billion in 1979, and expenditures before depreciation amounted to \$1.370 billion. Swissair's Board of Directors called the

profit margin "satisfactory results for the 1979 business year." The board announced it will hold the regular shareholders' meeting April 25 in Zurich, Switzerland.

After accounting for ordinary depreciations and other expenses, Swissair shareholders will receive dividends from the company's net profits of \$30.5 million.

## Scouting jamboree to be held

HASA, April 9 (SPA) — A scouting jamboree for Saudi Arabia will open at the boyscout training camp here next month.

The rally will be attended by some 1,200 boyscouts from the Kingdom's various edu-

cational zones.

The area's education directorate is making arrangements for the gathering and is preparing booklets and advertisements about a major competition to be held among the Kingdom's boyscouts.

## Ministers discuss Islamic law

RIYADH, April 9 (SPA) — Four ministers Wednesday considered ways of implementing recommendations of a conference on Islamic jurisprudence held recently at Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University.

Minister of Higher Education Sheikh Has-

san Al-Sheikh, Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie and Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwairat, meeting in the office of Sheikh Hassan, made a decision in this regard which they will submit to the King.

## Saudi Comment

By Muhammad Omar  
Al-Amoudi  
Al Medina

Jeddah's traffic prison played host to our car and driver last week.

I don't object to the law, for I respect it even if it is harsh, and I congratulate the traffic policeman for his alertness in enforcing the law and punishing the offender. He detained the driver and deprived him of five days' freedom in order to deter him from repeating the same mistake in the future.

A few days before this incident, I had my first meeting with Jeddah's traffic chief Lt. Col. As'ad Abdul Karim over a card game at a mutual friend's house. He had seemed uneasy with my sloppy playing, in fact, expressed his dismay as an expert in the game. I told him I wished he had shown the same anguish over the rashness of drivers and their countless offenses.

He gave a convincing reply. The traffic prisons in the city face an uneasy situation with rash, offending drivers being stuffed in daily, indicating that traffic officials are always on the alert, their chief being as serious in his work as he is in his hobby. Therefore, I hesitated to telephone him or ask a friend to speak to him about my car and driver especially when I knew that they were the officers' guests. I could not do so out of my regard for the seriousness of an official and my belief in the principle of equality before the law. I said to myself, "Let the offender have his share, for we, as citizens, ought to respect every official who is serious about the application of the law. We must not inconvenience him with our interference, especially since the job has become a source of amusement to a majority of officials. Many of them consider the law as nothing but merely a personal mood to be applied at one's own whim."

Notwithstanding all this, I blame the traffic department for the fact that those apprehended cannot contact their relatives to inform them about their fate. Such behavior not only disturbs the family, but also inconveniences security officials who have great difficulty in tracing them.

This is what happened with us. First we thought that the children and the driver had met with some mishap on their way to the school. But when we received a negative report from the accidents department, we suspected the driver and gave all the details to the officials. It was only after two days that we knew that the driver and car were enjoying "state" hospitality. Our minds were set at rest and we hastened to seek God's pardon for our misapprehensions, but only after two days!

## Chatti also emphasizes economics

## Islamic parley stresses religious education

LONDON, April 9 (AP) — Religious education and massive economic help from rich brother nations are urgent priorities for the world's Muslim minorities, an international Muslim conference was told here Wednesday.

In a message to the International Conference on Muslim Minorities, Habib Chatti, Secretary-General of the 42-nation Organization of Islamic Conference, said this would allow Muslim minorities around the globe to play the prominent role they deserve in those nations whose lands they inhabit.

Chatti, unable to attend because of work at his Jeddah headquarters, had his speech read to the conference by Najmuddin Bamat, the OIC's representative at the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, based in Paris.

The conference of Muslim Minorities is a watchdog body, set up by the OIC in London two years ago to monitor human rights, educational and religious freedom infringements inflicted on the 300 million Muslims living among in countries with a non-Muslim majority.

The world's total Muslim population is about 900 million.



Habib Chatti

"It is through Islamic education that we can enable every member of the Muslim minorities to ensure that he really conforms to Islamic principles in his beliefs, worship, morality and his dealings with his family and friends and with the community in which he lives," said Chatti.

"... Firstly, by teaching them their religion ... secondly, by raising their social and educa-

tional levels ..."

The role of the rich, independent Muslim states should help by "assuring self-sufficiency to them (the Muslim minorities) and, secondly, by giving them economic importance and enabling them to play a prominent role within the countries where they live, thereby raising their spirits and increasing their economic capabilities ..."

An example of the kind of Islamic community Chatti had in mind, was that of the Muslims living in West Germany.

A paper written by journalist and radio commentator Muhammad Abdullah, who lives in West Germany, and read to the conference by Muhammad Aman Hobohm, German-born converted Muslim and a first secretary at the West German embassy in London, said that of 1.5 million Muslims, of whom 1.2 million were Turks working in Germany, only 25,000 Muslims were registered in religious communities.

"There was a declining tendency to practice religion and it could be said that 45 per cent of the 1.5 million could not adjust to Islam because of the pressures of a modern and highly industrialized society," Abdullah wrote.

## Comprehensive school system suggested

JEDDAH, April 9 (SPA) — The fourth conference on comprehensive secondary schools has recommended the introduction of comprehensive schools system throughout the country.

In its concluding session Tuesday, the conference recommended the constitution of a subsidiary committee to study the higher syl-

labuses and to remove or add anything considered appropriate.

It further recommended that a student with more than 25 per cent days of absence without an acceptable reason be suspended from study for that academic year and the year following. After that he should be allowed to resume his study without his overall grade

being affected by the decision.

The conference also recommended the issuance of a guide of the activities and a follow-up of its resolutions, which should be implemented by education directors and ministry officials concerned with the comprehensive education system.

## Indonesians to compete in Koran reading contest

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 9 — Indonesian Qori will participate in the Koran Reading Competition to be held in Mecca April 12-19.

The Indonesian team, to be headed by K.H. Muchtar Nasir, director of Islamic religion, will consist of: Professor H. Ibrahim, Hussein, vice chairman of the team; K.H. Azroi Abdurrauf, jury member; Ahmad Muhajir and H. Harik Muhammad, readers;

and Dr. H. Azhari Baidlowi, observer. Abdurrauf has been nominated as a member of the jury and knows the Koran by heart. He also is an Arabic linguist. He was a student of the late Syed Ahmad Hijazi of

Mecca and Amin Alkutubi, Abdurrauf also is a well-known trainer/teacher in Malaysia and Serawak.

The Indonesian team arrived Wednesday in Jeddah for the competition.

## WEATHER

The weather will be warm in the north-western and parts of the central and western regions, affected by the Khamasini weather. Active southerly winds will cause sand storms and limit horizontal vision.

Low and medium clouds will thicken in those areas bringing possible scattered thunderstorms which may include the western and south-western highlands.

Sea conditions in the Red Sea will be medium to choppy, and moderate in the Gulf. Wednesday's temperatures (maximum,

minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	36	27
Jeddah	35	21
Riyadh	35	22
Dhahran	34	22
Medina	36	25
Taif	32	17
Jizan	36	28
Hail	31	15
Turair	32	15
Qaisumah	36	19
Sulayyil	38	21
Abha	27	13

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## Salman announces

## Asir prince joins society

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, April 9 — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman, chairman of the Islamic Welfare Society, announced Wednesday that the governor of Asir Prince Khaled Al-Faisal joined the society.

Prince Khaled who is also the chairman of the Philanthropic Society for the South has joined the IWS to combine the efforts of both institutions in the health field, Prince Salman said.

He added that the IWS will supervise the establishment of the PSS hospital in Abha and other hospitals in various areas.

The IWS was started last year with a SR40 million contribution in one instalment from business tycoon Sheikh Saleh Kamel, owner of Avco-Dallah, and a similar amount from Prince Salman, this was in addition to a flow of contributions ranging from SR5 to several millions from individuals, firms and institutions around the Kingdom.

On Tuesday, three anonymous donors gave SR10 million, SR8 million and SR5,000 respectively.

## Retired general to visit Taipei

JEDDAH, April 9 (CNA) — The Kingdom will send a representative to the annual convention of the Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen in Taipei for the first time.

Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan formed Chinese Ambassador Hsueh Yu-chi of the Kingdom's decision to send former Army Commander Maj. Gen. Ali Amin Abedin to the convention.

Abedin also was briefed by Hsueh Tuesday on the functions of the Chinese Veterans

## Joint economics urged by chamber

MANAMA, April 9 (SPA) — The 24th conference of the Arab Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture has stressed the importance of mapping a strategy for joint economic activity by the Arab states. It said the approval of this strategy by the Arab summit conference will give a spur to economic cooperation that began more than a quarter of a century ago.

Concluding its four-day session here Tuesday, the conference explained ways of making strategy successful. Members called for cooperation in industrial training and research. They also recommended establishment of a special fund financed by Arab states for implementing programs to train industrial labor.

The conference stressed the role Arab businessmen can play in economic develop-

ment plans. Besides representatives of 17 Arab states, the conference was attended by delegates from several Arab governments, the Arab Economic Unity Council and Arab Labor Organization.

There is no taxation in Saudi Arabia except the Zakat of about 2.5 per cent provided for in Islam for able persons, half of which is to be given directly to the needy, Saudis, especially the wealthy, give alms and make voluntary contributions as opposed to a tax system applied in other countries.

After the incident, in which a group of renegades seized the Holy Haram in Mecca on the first of the new Hijrah year, the public gave victimized soldiers and their families more than SR100 million and contributions are proceeding along the same pace for Afghan victims of the Soviet invasion and freedom-fighters.

But the biggest bulk of donations usually comes during the Holy month of Ramadan when Muslims fast and give more charity than normal.

In an interview a few months ago, Sheikh Saleh Kamel expressed the view that had his SR40 million contribution been unannounced, people would have been encouraged to give more. Since then, many huge amounts being contributed might have passed unnoticed.

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## Marzouk scores only goal

## Ahli sneaks by Ittihad in lukewarm game

By Muzir Muhammad

JEDDAH, April 9 — Ahli defeated Ittihad 1-0 here Wednesday after a mild game which warmed up in the last 20 minutes. Although the match did not have any effect on the standings of the two teams, the traditional rivalry between them made the game important.

The only goal came through Ferej Marzouk, Ahli's attacker, in the 35th minute of the second half. The first half was clean and cool with unfinished attacks organized by the two teams. The game proceeded like a wheat field with the wind blowing from one direction and changes to the opposite.

With the beginning of the second half the match entered into barbs between members of the two teams. Ahli's star striker Amin Dabu was given a yellow card by the referee of the match.

In the last 15 minutes, Ittihad put heavy pressure on Ahli's goal to obtain the equalizer. Too many opportunities went by Ittihad's attackers.

The final and decisive match of the tournament is to be held Thursday in Riyadh between Nasr, leader of the league, and Hilal one point behind in the second place.

This is the fourth year of the football league. Nasr and Hilal have met twice at the final match and both were ended in favor of Hilal. Tomorrow will be their third time with two chances for Nasr and one for Hilal. Nasr will win the cup if it defeats Hilal or draws, but Hilal's chance to the cup is to win.

Meanwhile, in Medina Ohod beat Shabab 2-0 Wednesday in the team's last game in the top soccer teams. Ohod and Wehda of Mecca are the two teams descending to class A.



WINNERS AND LOSERS: Ghannab of Ittihad kicks the ball as Ferej of Ahli, left, is ready for action. Dabu of Ahli, white shirts, and Bockner of Ittihad, look on.

Ohod scored first through Samir Abdul Shakour in the 15th minute of the first half. Ten minutes later, Ohod scored again through Ali Dafel. Shabab's goal came from a penalty kicked by Ibrahim Tahsin in the 32nd minute.

In the first round of the soccer league Shabab defeated Ohod 5-0. Ohod had defeated two of the leading clubs, Nasr and Ahli.

Meanwhile, the King's Cup football tournament will begin Sunday with five matches. Ittihad will play against Nahda, Shabab against Ansar, Ittifaq against

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5. Shabab	17	5	7	5	26	24	17
6. Oudisiya	17	4	6	7	23	25	14
7. Nahda	17	2	9	6	14	16	13
8. Ittifaq	17	5	4	8	22	28	13
9. Ohod	17	5	1	11	15	34	11
10. Wehda	17	1	6	10	6	31	8

## Ministers' conference postponed

By a Staff writer

JEDDAH, April 9 — The 11th Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference scheduled to be held in Islamabad next week has been postponed until next month according to the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference, Habib Chatti.

Chatti said the postponement was called in order to allow delegations from the member states to attend the independence celebrations of Zimbabwe.

The conference was due to be held from April 17 to April 21. Because the celebrations would have been held during the same period it was found necessary to postpone it until the period May 14 to May 21. Senior officials of the conference will meet a couple of days their foreign ministers to prepare the agenda and distribute it to the specialized committees. He said there were no other reasons for the postponement.

## Seminar to be held

DAMMAM, April 9 (SPA) — The second seminar on electricity in Arab countries will be held here April 19 through 24 and will be hosted by the Consolidated Electricity Corporation of the Eastern Province. The seminar will be supervised by the Arab Industrial Development Center.

The seminar will be attended by 17 Arab countries. Difficulties facing electricity corporations in Arab countries, and technical paper to be presented by the participating delegation will be discussed in the seminar.



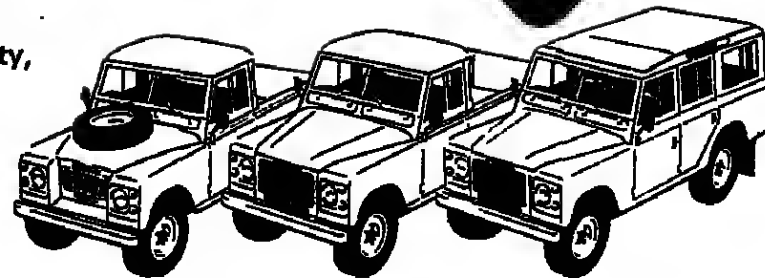
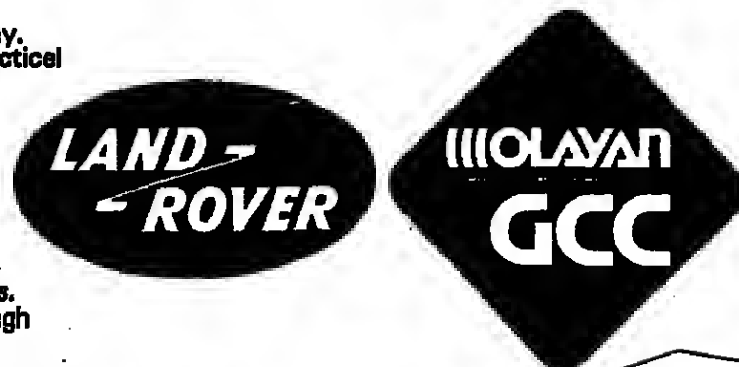
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**'Won't defy political ban****Bhutto's wife, daughter freed**

KARACHI, April 9 (Agencies) — Pakistan's martial-law government Tuesday released the wife and daughter of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto from house arrest, authorities announced.

They gave no reason for lifting the decree against Nusrat Bhutto and her daughter, Benazir, but the action came one day before the Sind High Court was to hear an appeal by the two women challenging the detention order.

Mrs. Bhutto and her daughter were arrested in Karachi on Oct. 16 and placed under house arrest by the government of President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq.

Gen. Zia led a military coup that overthrew Bhutto on July 5, 1977. Bhutto was imprisoned and later was convicted of ordering the assassination of a political rival in 1974. The man marked for death escaped but his father was slain in the ambush.

Bhutto was hanged April 4, 1979. His widow and daughter, arrested two months before the execution and jailed at a police camp near Islamabad, were freed in May 1979. They flew to their home in Karachi and Bhutto's People's Party quickly elected Mrs. Bhutto as party chairman with Benazir as her chief aide.

They were placed under house arrest months later in a crackdown on political agitation.

Only one political leader now remains in detention. He is retired Air Marshal Asghar Khan, head of the Centrist Tehrik Islah Party, who is also appealing his arrest to the Punjab High Court in Lahore.

After her release, Benazir said Wednesday she and her mother had no intention of defying the martial law ban on political activities.

She told newsmen at her late father's

villa that both of them were out of touch with current affairs.

On her future plans, the 28-year-old Miss Bhuttosaid, "First of all I will have to do a lot of serious thinking. We need to be briefed by our friends on the present situation in the country and abroad."

Asked whether she and her mother would defy the ban on political activities Miss Bhuttosaid, "The question of taking part in politics in the present circumstances does not arise."

She added: "I am trying to formulate my ideas. I am thinking of setting up a non-political academy which might hold seminars and symposia on the life and work of my father."

The proposed academy would also encourage research on Mr. Bhutto's ideas on art, culture and other matters, Miss Bhuttosaid, adding that her family would like to build a suitable mausoleum for him in Larkana.

Although she had wanted to do some writing during her detention Miss Bhuttosaid she had not had the facilities to collect material. "We were allowed to have only four Pakistani newspapers, but no foreign journal or magazine," she added.

She and her mother had kept fit by physical exercises and passed the time in gardening, farming and housework, but her mother had been suffering from low blood pressure, Miss Bhuttosaid.

She added that she was not afraid of being arrested again, nor had her views on national and international affairs changed during her detention.

On the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan Miss Bhuttosaid "I do not have enough information to comment on this sensitive matter. Moreover it would be wrong for me to speak on this subject without consulting my friends."

**Assad asserts PLO support**

DAMASCUS, April 9 (R) — President Hafez Assad has affirmed Syria's continued support for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) when he received a commando team led by Yasser Arafat.

An official announcement Tuesday night said Arafat, chairman of the PLO Executive Committee, was accompanied by two other commando leaders.

It added that discussions covered the summit conference of Arab leaders opposed to Egypt's peace moves toward Israel to be held soon.

Palestinian sources here had said the summit would be held in Tripoli on Saturday and be preceded by a foreign ministers meeting of the "Steadfastness and Confrontation Front," two days earlier, also in the Libyan capital, to prepare for the conference.

But the Palestine news agency WAFA said Tuesday that the possibility of holding the summit would be decided in the light of the outcome of Thursday's meeting.

The summit had originally been set for March 28 in Damascus, but it was postponed after Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi



President Assad

objected to the venue, insisting it be held in Tripoli.

The Steadfastness Front is made up of Syria, the Libya, Algeria, South Yemen and the PLO.

The announcement said the Palestinian-Syrian sides also "reviewed the situation in the Arab region from its various aspects."

"President Assad affirmed Syria's continued and solid support for the PLO, the legitimate and sole representative of the Palestine Arab people," it added.

**Aden minister holds Kuwait talks**

KUWAIT, April 9 (Agencies) — The foreign ministers of Kuwait and South Yemen held talks here on bilateral issues and the current situation in the region, it was announced Wednesday.

Salem Saleh Muhammad of South Yemen was to leave the country later for Syria and Libya and it is believed that his discussions centered on the rising tension between Iran and Iraq.

Last week Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber announced that the foreign ministers of South Yemen

and Oman were to meet in Kuwait to discuss ways of improving relations between the two countries. But no date was fixed for the meeting which would be the first ever since the countries have had no normal diplomatic relations since South Yemen became independent in 1967.

Oman has accused South Yemen of supporting the Popular Front for the Liberation of Occupied Oman and giving it sanctuaries to attack Oman across the common borders. The fighting ended in December 1975 but the animosity between the two countries remained.

**U.S. congressmen visiting Algeria**

ALGIERS, April 9 (AFP) — A United States congressional delegation led by the chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, Clement Zablocki, arrived here from Rabat Tuesday for a three-day visit on the latest leg of a North African fact-finding tour.

The congressmen are scheduled to confer with National Assembly President Rabah Bitat and several government ministers, including Energy and Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi. They may also meet with President Chadli Benjedid.

**Israelis protest economic policy**

TEL AVIV, April 9 (AFP) — About 80,000 shops and some services closed for 24 hours in Israel Wednesday in protest at the government's economic policy.

The strike went ahead despite appeals

Tuesday from Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Minister for Trade and Industry Gideon Peat.

It was ignored, however, by some of the large cooperative retailers and many stores in Jerusalem.

**Chad ceasefire shattered by new fierce fighting**

N'DJAMENA, April 9 (Agencies) — Heavy fighting broke out again in this embattled capital city of Chad Wednesday despite a truce signed Tuesday by the rival armies fighting for power.

Shelling and bombing resumed early Wednesday morning in many areas of the capital after a quiet night which had led to hopes that Tuesday's ceasefire was going to hold.

Fighting in N'Djamena Wednesday went into its 18th day as forces loyal to President Goukouni Oueddei battled with those of Defense Minister Hissene Habre.

So far about 800 people have been killed and 2,000 wounded.

The fighting was particularly intense in the northeast area of the town near a strategic gendarmerie barracks close to a French air force base where 1,100 French combat troops are stationed.

The midday ceasefire — pieced together over the weekend by Togolese President Gnassingbe Eyadema — had appeared precarious from the start, with fierce fighting preceding it as each side appeared to be seeking to improve and consolidate its position before the truce.

Throughout the day some 120 explosions from mortar and cannon could be heard. Some 30 of the blasts occurred at 16.30 local time, four and a half hours after hostilities halted.

Meanwhile, Organization of African Unity (OAU) Secretary-General Edem Kodjo who arrived here Tuesday, has started talks with President Goukouni. The OAU official was accompanied by Dawitt Eigzab, chairman of the OAU Control Commission for Chad, set up under the August 1978 Lagos agreement on Chadian reconciliation signed by Chad's 11 warring factions.

**After diplomatic pressure****Rightists release UNIFIL hostages**

BEIRUT, April 9 (R) — Right-wing Lebanese militiamen bowed to diplomatic pressure Tuesday and released six Irish hostages they had threatened to kill unless Irish peace-keeping troops withdrew from a village in southern Lebanon.

A United Nations spokesman said the rightists had earlier opened fire on Irish troops surrounding the village, sparking off the second gun battle within 24 hours. One Irish soldier was wounded Tuesday and one Monday.

He said the rightists had freed their hostages after efforts involving several quarters, including the International Red Cross.

Diplomatic sources said that the release followed contacts with the Israeli government which finances, arms and controls

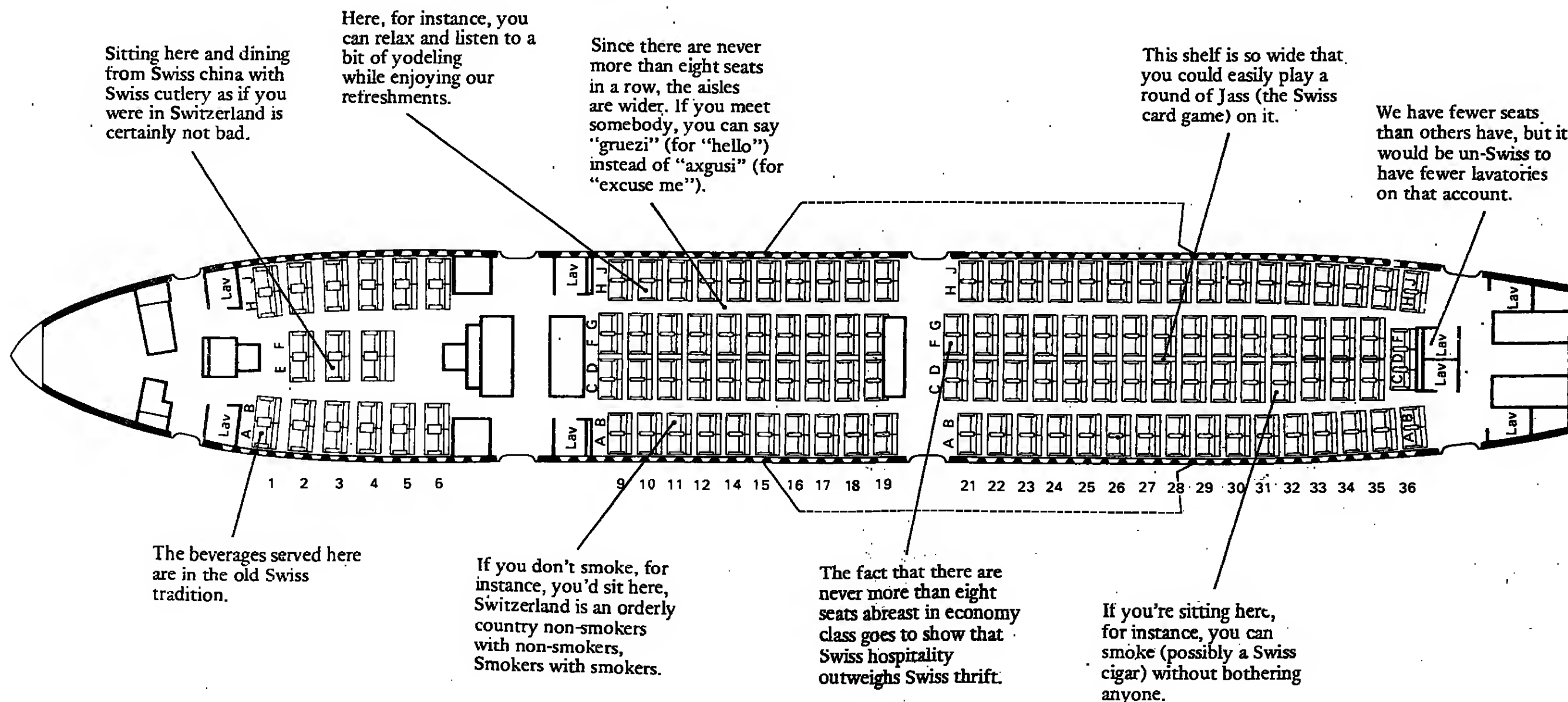
Lebanese right-wingers under the control of renegade army Maj. Saad Haddad.

The trouble between Haddad's forces and the Irish contingent in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) flared when rightists moved into the village of Al Tiri near the Israeli border. The village is in a sector controlled by the Irish.

After a gun battle in which Private Stephen Griffin, from Galway, was gravely wounded, Irish troops surrounded the village and trapped about 20 rightists inside.

In response, the rightists kidnapped nine Irish UNIFIL soldiers from a nearby position and took them to the village of Safa El-Hawa, in the narrow strip alongside the border which is controlled by Haddad's men.

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## Boycott pressure increased

## Carter urges quick Olympic decision

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter once again used high-ranking officials in his administration Tuesday to assert pressure on U.S. Olympic officials to vote quickly to support his demand for an American boycott of the summer games in Moscow.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said he told a 2½-hour meeting of 40 athletes and officials that "I could think of no single peaceful action which could so fully and forcefully indicate the importance that we attach to this matter than their support of their government's position on the Olympic boycott."

Vance's comments came a day after Carter sent a message to members of the U.S.

Olympic Committee in which he underlined his insistence that the group's House of Delegates vote this weekend to honor the boycott call.

The 300-member House of Delegates meets in Colorado Saturday to decide whether to send a team to Moscow.

One participant at the State Department meeting, Anita Defrantz of Princeton, a rower who is a member of the USOC's Athletes Advisory Committee in addition to being in the House of Delegates, said she found nothing new in the administration's arguments.

"One of the significant problems the delegates face is that we have our own constitution," said Defrantz. "Under the constitution, the delegates are to act without political pressure and support the Olympic movement."

"No one is going to question their (the administration's) expertise in foreign affairs, but they don't understand the Olympic movement," said Defrantz, who indicated she would vote against an Olympic boycott.

Ollan Cassell, former executive director of the Amateur Athletic Union and coo with

Athletics Congress of the USA, a track and field organization, said he did not know how the delegates would vote.

"The information we had today was already in the press," he said. "There are a lot of people who think they need more than what has been told us."

The State Department meeting was the second the senior Carter administration officials have held with members of the House of Delegates to underline the case for a boycott. They also met with the news media in an effort to gain public support of the president's position.

In a message sent to USOC President Robert J. Kane and members of the House of Delegates, released Tuesday by the White House, Carter said, "In these circumstances, a USOC decision to send a team to Moscow would be against our national interest and would damage our national security."

"It would indicate to the Soviets — and the entire world that the U.S. lacks the resolve to oppose Soviet aggression. It would be perceived as a vindication of the Soviet action, and you can be sure that the Soviets would so portray (U.S. presence)."



RECOIL: Harold Volbrecht of South Africa recoils after taking a blow to the head by Pipeno Cuevas of Mexico. Volbrecht, rated sixth in the WBA, the challenger, lost to Cuevas in the fifth round last week.

## Gains No. 1 ranking

## Austin usurps Navratilova

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, April 9 (AP) — Tracy Austin learned Tuesday after defeating Reece Richards in the second round of the \$150,000 tournament at Sea Pines Racquet Club that she had just been ranked number one in the world in women's tennis.

After Tracy downed Richards, 6-4, 8-3, her mother, Jeanne, whispered the news to the 17-year-old star as she was answering questions from the news media about the match.

"I can't believe it," Austin cried, breaking into a grin. "It's a miracle."

It was Austin's defeat of former front-ranked Czech Martina Navratilova twice in the past two weeks that boosted her to the top of the list in the Women's Tennis Association computer rankings, released Tuesday by the WTA.

Austin has a total of 16,347 points, just 0.94 more than Navratilova. She is the youngest number one-ranked tennis player in the world since the computer was put in use in 1975. Navratilova and Chris Evert are the only other women to hold front ranking under the computer system.

In other second-round action, four seed Kathy Jordan defeated Joanne Russell, 6-2, 7-5, and 14-year-old Andrea Jaeger defeated Raquel Giscarre of Argentina, 6-1, 8-0.

Australian-born Evonne Goolagong, second-seeded in the tournament, begins play Wednesday against Sharon Walsh.

"I'm not going to let this ranking change my game," said Austin. "But now that I have it, I want to hold on to it for awhile."

She is the defending champion in the tournament here, sponsored by Family Circle magazine.

In Houston, Texas, Australia's Rod

Fawley overcame an early second-set lag to upset fifth-seeded Manuel Orantes 7-6, 7-5 and sixth-seeded Ivan Lendl beat Peter Feigl 6-2, 6-2 Tuesday in first-round matches of the world championship tennis tournament at River Oaks Country Club.

Second-seeded Harold Solomon of the United States played Thomas Smid of Czechoslovakia later Tuesday.

Fawley and Orantes duelled all the way to the 14th point of a first-set tiebreaker game before the Australian finally won. With the tie-breaker tied at 6-all, Orantes hit an overhead into the net and then drove a forehand into the net for the 8-6 score.

Orantes broke Fawley after four deuces in the third game of the second set and went on to take a 3-1 lead. But Fawley fought back, breaking Orantes in the sixth and 12th games.

Orantes fought off one match point in the 12th game but then two consecutive backhand errors gave Fawley the match over the Spaniard.

Lendl dominated his match against Feigl, breaking his serve in the third and fifth games of the opening set and in the third and seventh games of the second set. Lendl is from Czechoslovakia and Feigl from Austria.

In another first-round match Tuesday, Buster Mottram of Great Britain eliminated Italy's Corrado Barazzutti 7-5, 6-1. Mottram took control of the match in the second set when Barazzutti became upset over several close calls by linesmen.

Fourth-seeded Hans Gildemeister of Chile had to withdraw from the tournament because of the illness of his 9-month-old daughter.

## Johnsons lead Lakers, Suns

NEW YORK, April 9 (AP) — If what Los Angeles' Earvin Johnson did to the Phoenix Suns was magic, then what Seattle's Dennis Johnson did to the Milwaukee Bucks was downright Legerdemain.

Johnson and Johnson opened up on different ends of the West coast Tuesday to get their respective teams, the Los Angeles Lakers and the Seattle Supersonics, off on the right foot in the opener of their best-of-seven National Basketball Association Conference semifinal series.

In Los Angeles, Earvin "Magic" Johnson had 13 points, 16 assists and 12 rebounds to lead the Lakers to a 119-110 victory over the Suns. While the magic show was doing its tricks, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar contributed 30 points, Norm Nixon 26 and Jamaal Wilkes 19.

## Minter denies Antuofermo bout

LONDON, April 9 (R) — World middleweight boxing champion Alan Minter of Britain said that he would not defend his title against American Vito Antuofermo in June.

In Houston, Texas Monday promoter Bob Arum said Minter had agreed to stage his first title defense, in either Hartford, Connecticut, Houston or Las Vegas, Florida against Antuofermo, the man he beat for the title on March 16.

But Tuesday Minter said his first as world champion would be held in Britain.

He said, "There is no way I can accept a date in the United States at such short notice. I would need at least two months to become acclimatized. In any case, my first duty is to my supporters in this country."

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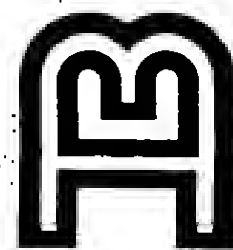


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## Mugabe snubs Kremlin's overture

By David Martin

LUSAKA —

An attempt by the Soviet Union to make a back door entry into Zimbabwe before independence on April 18 has been firmly rebuffed by the prime minister designate, Robert Mugabe.

On March 13 a Soviet embassy official in Lusaka approached the British High Commission asking for visas to Zimbabwe for the deputy Soviet foreign minister, Leonid Ilyichev, and his party, who were about to start an Africa tour.

As Ilyichev was still in Moscow the embassy official could not produce passports to accompany the application and British consular officials told him that the application should be made in Moscow.

No application was made then. But on March 27 immediately after Ilyichev arrived here, the Soviet embassy formally approached the British High Commission for visas. The application was referred to Britain's governor, Lord Soames, in Salisbury.

The message to Salisbury crossed with one from the governor's office saying that they had received an approach from "one of the political parties" in Zimbabwe asking for visas for Ilyichev and his party.

Lord Soames had consulted Mugabe, who had pointed out that the Soviet Union was one of more than 90 countries invited to send representatives to the independence celebrations and it would therefore not be appropriate for Soviet officials to come before independence.

The political party which had made the approach in Salisbury was Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU), which Moscow supported during the guerrilla war. The approach has irritated its partner in the coalition government, the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) led by Mugabe, which received no support from Moscow or its bloc allies because it was being helped by China.

Mugabe's clear-cut victory in Zimbabwe is a major setback to Soviet foreign policy in the region and Ilyichev's clumsy handling of the situation, including the announcement, without consulting Mugabe, that his country would establish an embassy in Salisbury after independence, has done nothing to endear Moscow to ZANU.

Before arriving here Ilyichev visited Mozambi-

que and Tanzania. In Mozambique he sounded out officials about a pre-independence visit to Zimbabwe and was told he must consult Mugabe. He chose not to do so.

In Tanzania he complained about that country's vote at the United Nations over Afghanistan. In blunt terms he was told that Tanzania had two concerns: that Afghanistan had been a nonaligned nation before the Soviet invasion and that that action had brought U.S. warships into the Indian Ocean, which most countries bordering it wanted to keep as a zone of peace.

Reactions from leaders in the region make it obvious that the Soviets could not have chosen a worse representative than Ilyichev for the delicate task of trying to establish relations with ZANU. He is thoroughly disliked by Mozambique's leadership, and only a year ago, when he was visiting, Maputo, a member of his delegation told Mugabe that ZANU was a splinter group (it broke away from ZAPU in 1963) which should re-join ZAPU.

Ilyichev's extraordinary bungling came in the wake of Mugabe taking a conciliatory position toward Moscow. In the first interview he gave after being elected a month ago, he said that, although he would not prompt Moscow to create better relations, he would not deny them the opportunity to "cultivate a better relationship with us" and become "friends."

President Nyerere of Tanzania and President Machel of Mozambique tried for three years to persuade Moscow that ZANU was doing the bulk of the fighting in the guerrilla war and that if the Soviet Union was serious about helping the liberation of Zimbabwe it should support ZANU as well as ZAPU.

"But Moscow refused to believe us. They did not even give Mugabe one pistol or one bullet. We were the ones who passed Soviet arms on to ZANU," a senior Mozambique official said.

Now Moscow wants Mozambique and Tanzania to help them establish a bridgehead with ZANU. "We have told them that they have to apologize to Mugabe, to admit that they got it wrong and say they want to start on a new footing," another official said.

Ilyichev "was also trying to find out how the Kremlin computers got it wrong," the official said.

## 'This is the American way'

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES — In a wealthy suburb of Orange County, south of Los Angeles, a 15-year old recently drove the family car into a freeway flyover support, killing himself. Later, parents found a suicide note in his room.

At a high-school graduation ceremony, a 17-year old slipped on to the podium, announced, "This is the American way," and shot himself before horrified parents.

After scrawling a message that "Nobody loves me," an eight-year old girl slashed her wrists, swallowed the pills in the family medicine cabinet, then tried to hang herself.

"It's like an epidemic," says a worker at LA's Suicide Prevention Center.

School-age Americans — children, teenagers, and college students — are killing themselves at the rate of 5,000 a year in an upsurge of suicide which is at its most serious in California, the state where things tend to happen first and worst.

Figures disclosed in Los Angeles last month show continuing growth in a self-destructive trend that has mental health experts baffled. Throughout the sprawling LA Basin, 109 youth suicides were reported in 1979, up 15 over the previous year. Sociologists believe the figure may be higher, since cases are often disguised as "accidents" by parents.

Among young Americans nationwide, suicide is now the No. 2 cause of death — after accidents. The teenage toll has doubled in the last 10 years. In the 10- to 13-year age group over the past five years, the increase was 30 per cent. Deaths of children under 10 are almost always registered as accidental on grounds that the youngsters fail to understand the meaning and finality of death.

But several hundred suicidal children between five and 13 have been treated in recent years at hospitals such as the University of California's Neuropsychiatric Institute and Irvine Medical Center. "There's such a demand for adolescent beds," says one doctor. "They're getting hard to find."

Why, in this hedonistic golden state, are so many children sunk in despair? Psychiatrists blame above all rising divorce rates and the "break-up of the

nuclear family." Dr. Donald Summers, a leading University of California specialist, says: "Most suicidal youngsters we see are from broken homes. Divorce hurts a child — regardless of age — worse than a parent's death."

Other experts speculate that the postwar "baby boom" has caused a sense of "overcrowding" in this generation, leading to competitive traumas and feelings of worthlessness and alienation when failure comes in the busy educational mill.

Life in the East Lane in California intensifies the problem. Nationwide last year some 30,000 people took their own lives — about 12 per 100,000. In LA and San Francisco that rate was 50 per cent higher.

"Everyone here comes from elsewhere," says Ms. Ruth Doughton, of LA's Suicide Prevention Center. "If it isn't working, move west! Southern California has more uprooted kids, more one-parent families, more crowded schools, more drugs, the biggest teenage alcohol problem."

Peer group pressure worsens the bronze and pills syndrome, which compounds depression and self-hate.

The plague cuts across social, economic and racial lines. In the past two decades, as blacks have made major social and economic strides, the suicide rate for young blacks has risen sharply. Among the least-educated, rates are lowest.

Alarm over the trend has led to creation of hundreds of suicide "crisis centers" and telephone hotlines across the U.S. The LA center, operating round the clock, seven days a week, answers up to 50 calls a day, around 18,000 a year.

In California, mental health authorities are making innovative efforts to counter the problem. New programs in schools alert teachers to warning signals and offer counselling to students. Research on methods of dealing with the suicidal is under way at universities. "Befriending programs" send volunteer workers into the lives of "loners" — those from broken homes. Pilot studies with "repeaters" — for every suicide there are an estimated 50 attempts — have been initiated, testing anti-depressant drugs.

But experts in the field complain that their work and staffs, are being cut by funding reductions resulting from a wave of tax-slashing measures triggered by California's Proposition 13. — (OFNS)

The reason, those familiar with Soviet policy in the region believe, is Russia's ambassador to Zambia, Vasili Solodovnikov.

"He advocated a policy of penetration of Zimbabwe through ZAPU long after most people realized ZANU was doing most of the fighting and that ZAPU could not win the elections," one diplomat said. "The Russians are just as fallible as everyone else and they've made a real mess of this one."

Solodovnikov, one of the Soviet Union's leading Africa academicians, is expected to be replaced soon, sources believe.

The only recent Soviet breakthrough in the region has been with Zambia. Reports say Moscow has just completed a large arms deal which includes the sale of 16 MiG 21 fighters. This is causing concern in Salisbury, where it is believed that the only pilots capable of flying the MiGs in Zambia are a ZAPU

group who recently completed training in Russia.

Mugabe is expected to insist that all ZAPU's trained personnel are returned to Zimbabwe and sources said that trainloads of ZAPU guerrillas began going south last week.

Mugabe and President Kaunda, despite major differences in the past, got on well at last week's economic summit here and, given Zambia's reliance on Zimbabwe's communications routes, there is little choice but to send the ZAPU fighters home.

Even the Soviet breakthrough with the arms sale here has been clouded by Kaunda's departure last week for a Far East tour which includes China and North Korea. After the Angolan debacle, when it backed the wrong horse, America was forced to re-think its Southern Africa policy. Now it is Moscow's turn. — (OFNS)

## saudi press review

*Al Jazirah* said in a lead story Wednesday that the American-Iranian crisis may take a turn for the worse while *Al-Nadwa* led with Iran's "welcome" of President Carter's measures for a naval blockade against that country. In a headline story, *Al Medina* reported that French forces have confiscated Russian arms which arrived suddenly in Djibouti. *Okaz* played as its lead story Israeli reports of President Sadat's second visit to Jerusalem in an attempt to push forward the peace process now deadlocked between the two countries. Israel's possible attack on Lebanon in the wake of recent commando activity was the lead story in *Al-Yom* newspaper.

*Al Medina* frontpaged Mecca Governor Prince Majed's call to speed up implementation of projects at pilgrimage sites. In a front-page story, *Al-Nadwa* reported the assassination of two Soviet generals in Afghanistan, and further highlighted the opposition of the European Common Market and Japan to boycotting Iran. Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi's statement in Abu Dhabi that the European stance will have a positive effect on the U.S. attitude toward the Middle East crisis appeared prominently on the front page of *Okaz* while *Al-Yom* gave front-page coverage to Sadat's statement that no comprehensive solution to the Middle East crisis could be found without Carter's participation.

Newspapers commented on a Lebanese paper's recent remarks on the Kingdom's policy toward Jerusalem and the Middle East.

They said that the Lebanese paper's rumors only represented lies and fabrications circulated by the puppet newspaper inside the Arab world and abroad. The papers reiterated that the Kingdom would never give up its firm line in regard to Jerusalem and other Arab and Islamic issues. They also referred to the current talks in Washington between Presidents Carter and Sadat and urged the Arab states to oppose any attempt to play with Palestinian rights.

*Al-Riyadh* said in an editorial that the Lebanese newspaper *Al-Shaab* had only published lies about Islam in particular and Arabs in general. The paper warned that such campaigns should not be considered as the last attempts against Saudi Arabia and its Arab and Islamic stance. It reaffirmed, however, that the Kingdom will never renounce the firm political line it has adopted, no matter how strong the machinations of the bird papers. The paper ascribed the reason for such false propaganda against Saudi Arabia to its leading position among Arab and Islamic states and its political integrity and strong position.

*Al-Jazirah* devoted its editorial to commenting on *Al-Shaab*'s remarks against Saudi Arabia, and highlighted the Saudi Foreign Ministry spokesman's reiteration of the Kingdom's resolute stance on Jerusalem and Palestinian rights. The paper expressed regret that some Arab newspapers have stooped to the point of being easily influenced by biased writers.

Commenting on the question of Jerusalem, *Al-Bilad* said it was an

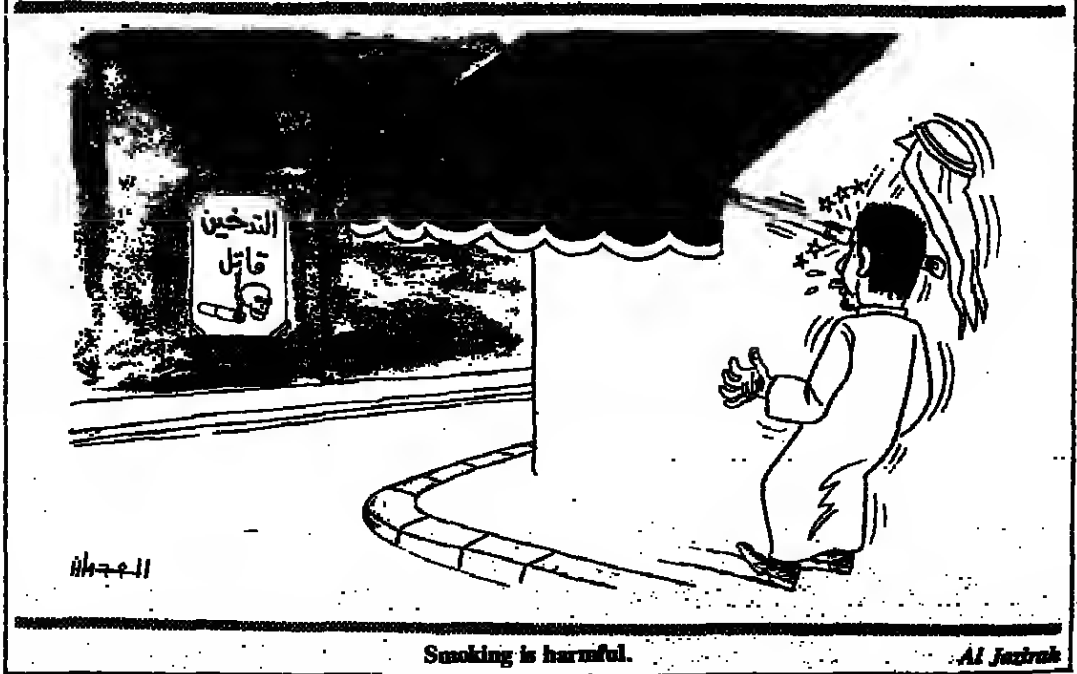
issue of destiny and faith for Saudi Arabia and other Islamic states. It sent out a warning to the world regarding the serious and explosive situation now brewing in this holy city, and urged them to play their part in helping to create peaceful conditions in Jerusalem. The paper charged Israel with creating a tragic situation around this city of divine faiths which commands respect and reverence from the peoples of the whole world.

Dwelling on the Carter-Sadat talks in Washington, *Okaz* said it was convinced their discussions will take place only at the expense of the Palestinians. The statements of some American officials on the issues of Jerusalem and Palestine clearly indicate the talks will not break the present deadlock on autonomy, said the paper.

It urged Arabs to remain firm, as they had in the wake of the Camp David accords, in opposing and challenging any attempt at bypassing the rights of the people of Palestine.

Commenting on the formation of a higher committee to devise a basic system of government, *Al-Madina* said the royal order is proof of the state's desire to set up agencies to meet the aspirations of the people. There is a great need to specify responsibilities of officials and lessen the burden on the sovereign, according to the paper.

It also lauded the selection of Interior Minister Prince Naif as head of the committee, saying he is well known for his diligent work and willingness to listen to the opinions of others.



Smoking is harmful.

Al-Jazirah



Community News

By Staff Writers

**JEDDAH** — The Dar el Hanaa school annual book week opened on Monday, April 7 and will continue through April 13. There was a special hour for men on April 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A variety of fiction and non-fiction both in English and Arabic are on display and for sale. There is also an exhibition of illustrations, paintings and portraits of famous authors, artists and places done by the students. It is a beautiful and informative display which should please both connoisseurs and casual reader alike.

Mr. Charles McIntosh, of Clarke County, Virginia, is leaving Jeddah after six months as an Economy Forms, Corp. consultant at the Holiday Inn project. Mr. McIntosh is to spend two weeks on vacation in Bangkok before starting work in England and Syria.

The Continental School adult education program ended a highly successful term with a reception for those involved and an exhibition of their work at the end of March. The CACE (Continental Adult College Education) as the program is called, will be offering courses in Arabic, German, French, Spanish and English in its next term, starting April 19. There will also be courses in physical education, art, pottery, guitar, flower arranging, and beauty tips. Registration dates are April 12 to 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the school, which is near the British Embassy. Tuition fees are SR300 per term for all courses except English, which is offered twice a week at SR600 per term. Call 690515.

The Italian Residence, with its lovely garden, thanks to the care of Mrs. Karen Solera, the wife of the ambassador, is full of pictures, toons and other items and is virtually a museum. This was the setting of an informal bridge dinner hosted by the Soleras last Wednesday. The last rubber was a marathon 50 points plus at one table.

Another ambassador in the news is Mr. Bent Soendergaard of Denmark who is going to a round of parties before leaving next week. The Saudi Foreign Ministry hosted a dinner for him at the Kandara Palace Hotel. The Danish ambassador, who has spent over three years here, is soon to take up his post in Mexico City, a country not unfamiliar to him where he served before in the early part of his career.

**DHAHRAN** — The well known carpet merchant, Hassan Maktabi, addressed audiences at Aramco and UPM on the subject of oriental carpets during the week of the exhibition at Al-Khobar's Al-Jassabi Hotel.

Westinghouse of Danmarr arranged a tea party in honor of those UPM students who participated in the university program under Westinghouse supervision in various parts of the U.S.

A film crew from Exxon Middle East Industries visited the Eastern Province, to shoot footage for a documentary film that shows various aspects of the kingdom's development in the past few years.

## A difficult, satisfying production

By Libby Vernon dos Bray

**JEDDAH** — The Saudi Equity Theatre serves high praise for its production of Peter Shaffer's "Equus." The play is the story of a boy's psyche. At the same time, it examines mankind's primitive needs and society's effect upon them.

The boy has blinded six horses. A psychiatrist seeks to discover why, and, through empathy, to cure him of his problems. Stephen May is superb in the demanding role of the boy. He conveys an entire emotional spectrum — from sullen withdrawal to sexual frenzy — convincingly and compellingly. The subtleties of his personality slowly drawn out by the psychiatrist are beautifully portrayed.

The psychiatrist, a complex character, is played by Lee Graham. His examination of the boy becomes an examination of his own life and work as he grapples with feelings of emptiness and futility. The play questions the nature of sanity. Can one have intense, individual feelings and be sane? Isn't it really dull, and shallow? When the psychiatrist cures children of their abnormalities, is he really helping them or is he robbing them, deadening them? Graham's commanding presence necessary for a psychiatrist's role, but his performance is marred opening night by his difficulty in memorizing his lines.

This problem plagued several of the minor characters as well, most noticeably the boy's mother. Both parents, played by Mary Ghille and Phil Withers, are well-cast. We clearly feel their feelings of guilt and anxiety as they ask themselves who is to blame for the boy's terrible deed.

The six horses are portrayed by actors wearing magnificent masks designed by John Ott. The masks capture the feeling of large eyes with omniscient eyes but unfortunately, the actors do not move like horses, and the effect is not as complete as it could be. One concentrates on the masks, however, and can be overlooked.

Geoff Kenion and Nigel Smales' set is simple, providing the basic idea of what should be, without distracting from the play. The boys sit alongside the stage throughout the play and the choreography as they move in and out of the action is smooth and effective. The play, which closes on April 10 at the Irish Embassy, is thought-provoking and complex. The director, David Froomin, the cast and crew are to be commended for an excellent production.

By Jack Goulding

**NEW YORK** — The gold lettering above the heavy glass and wrought-iron door was the same as when I had seen it nearly 50 years ago: "The Seneca."

The four-story brick building on Menahan Street in the Ridgewood section of Queens where I lived as a child was named after Seneca Avenue, a cobblestone street a block away where lurching trolley cars clattered their way to Brooklyn.

Before I entered the building I looked up out of habit to the top floor window where my mother often sat watching the neighborhood activity below her.

The heavy front door swung noiselessly on its hinges and I stepped into the tiled vestibule, facing a gleaming battery of mailboxes and doorbells. I looked for Apt. 16 and saw a strange name in the slot.

I pushed the button and an answering click opened the second door that led to a long hallway and marble stairs leading up through the building.

As I climbed each floor I could remember some of the families who had lived there long ago. Emil Ritter, who once owned the building, Ted Stoll, a friend who went all through World War II as a marine artillery officer only to die in a traffic accident with his wife shortly after his wedding, a cop by the name of Riordan, and Mrs. Kitzle, a friend of my mother.

I was sure that after 50 years the Seneca and the surrounding neighborhood would be victims of neglect and decay. But I was wrong. The old box-like building was just as I had remembered it, clean, well cared for, dignified.

The handrails on the iron bannisters gleamed with fresh varnish. The tile floor was spotless and the metal fire doors at each apartment looked newly painted.

As I neared the top floor, I saw standing in the open doorway to Apt. 16 a bewildered elderly man and his wife, both staring at the winded stranger who had rung their bell.

I tried to explain that I had lived in their apartment years ago and would like to have another look at it for sentimental reasons.

With his wife tugging at his sweater the man shook his head emphatically and closed the door.

But as long as I was on the top floor, I climbed the last flight of stairs, unhooked the door and stepped out on the roof.

The day was sparkling clear. The Manhattan skyline 10 miles away across Brooklyn and the East River stood out starkly.

I could pick out the neighborhood streets whose names still have a warm ring. Grove, Bleeker, St. Nicholas, Cornelia, Stanhope, Woodward, de Kalb, even Onderdonk.

When we lived on Menahan Street the rent was \$48. Today it ranges from \$200 to \$250.

Our apartment had five rooms, two bedrooms, a dining room, the front room (We didn't call it a living room because much of the year it was too cold to live in) and a kitchen and bathroom.

The only heat came from the coal stove in the kitchen and gas heaters. The only way to live inexpensively and in comfort during the winter months was to trap all the stove heat in the kitchen, close that room off from the rest of the apartment and stay there.

In those days when it came time for my brother and me to go to bed we would undress in the kitchen, sprint through the living room and down the hall to the bedroom and dive under an icy weight of blankets. The route was reversed in the morning, trading the warm bed for the kitchen and hoping you didn't forget anything in your flight and have to make a return trip.

## KIOSK

Jeddah

Thursday, April 10

Peter Shaffer's Equus, directed by David Froomin, begins its closing night performance at 8:00 p.m. at the British Embassy Stage.

British community wives are invited to a tea in the ambassador's garden. For further details, call 52544 or 604430.

Riyadh

Thursday, April 10

Legacy of Light, an exhibition of 19th century photographs of the Middle East, will be presented by the Department of Antiquities in cooperation with the Harvard Semite Museum at the Muraaba Palace from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 13 through Thursday, April 17

The Riyadh Players presents Carousal at the Corps of Engineering Compound 9. Tickets are on sale at the Nejd Hotel or at the door for SR20. Curtain is at 8:00 p.m.

Dhahran

Thursday, April 10

Dhahran outing group holds an Afghan film, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Dhahran Auditorium and Theater. Open to all members of the community.

Thursday, April 10

UPM Rector Bakr opens an exhibition of landscapes by Dr. Ziad Jundi at 6:30 p.m. in the hall of UPM's Building 14. The exhibition is in aid of the people of Afghanistan.

Thursday, April 10

Last of three performances by the Dhahran Theatre Group of J.B. Priestley's An Inspector Calls at 7:30 p.m. in the Dhahran Theater.

Friday, April 11

Flight 1 men's singles finals at the UPM tennis courts at 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

The annual general meeting of the Dhahran Theater Group will be held 7:00 p.m. in Room A of the Management Training Center. Officers will be elected at the meeting which members of the community are welcome to attend.

We were emigres to Ridgewood from Greenwich Village in search of living space, which was fast disappearing in Manhattan. I suppose my father was seeking suburbia, and in a sense he found it. Ridgewood, some of its streets lined with Dueth elms, was about 10 miles from the city.

Thousands of Europeans had had the same idea earlier and moved out of New York's slums to the open spaces of Long Island. The job market attracted large numbers of Germans to Ridgewood. They remain.

There was a distant thunder of war in Ridgewood in the early 1930s when squads of young uniformed Nazi Bundists goosestepped along Menahan Street on Sunday mornings.

The cadence calls, the singing of the grim-faced youths and the clomping of their jackboots were marking a new era. We children just taunted and laughed at them.

The marchers crossed Onderdonk Avenue and filed into a German hall named Ridgewood Hall.

There is no way of telling whatever became of the young marchers, but Ridgewood Hall eventually became Fitzgerald's Saloon.

Pro-Nazi activity in the neighborhood was always under control, and there was no violence in the streets.

A favorite pastime in Ridgewood was what my mother used to call "hanging out the window" to watch the activity in the street.

From her kitchen my mother could keep track of the time by looking at the clock in St. Aloysius Church a few blocks away and the tallest structure in Ridgewood.

Some days women in the windows would be serenaded by small German street bands in exchange for a few coins tossed down. The musicians caught the coins in their caps while they played.

Leather-lunged fruit and vegetable peddlers with horse-drawn wagons would hawk their produce around the neighborhood, eyeing the windows on both sides of the street so as not to miss a sale.

The women in the windows would bargain by shouting, toss the money down to the peddler, who would then send a kid upstairs to make the delivery.

By "hanging out the window" the women of the neighborhood could also keep tabs on local menfolk "crushing the growler."

The "growler" was a metal bucket, which a man could have filled at the neighborhood cafe. In a German neighborhood like Ridgewood there was at least one such watering hole at every intersection.

Stern's was a hole-in-the-wall "candy store" on Seneca Avenue where I started my paper route. I delivered the Staats-Zeitung and the Herold, popular German-language papers. Stern would fold the papers, scribble the customer's name on each one and admonish us to drop them off at right house, not on the sidewalk, not on the stoop, but in the hallway.

Stern also sold magazines, cigars, penny candy and cigarettes, including loose cigarettes for a penny each. To clear the heads of his early morning customers Stern placed a can of saff on the counter and invited them to have the first pinch of the day on the house.

Stern's store is still there but no one seemed to know what happened to my first boss. The current owner sells the same sort of merchandise, but snuff is no longer free for the early birds. Nor will she open a pack to sell loose cigarettes.

One German paper is no longer published

and the other is no longer home delivered. The Sterns lived in cubbyhole quarters at the rear of their tiny store, and everyone who traded there used to say that as soon as you entered the place you could tell what they were having for dinner.

From the turn of the century, Ridgewood had a reputation as a baseball town. Any vacant lot relatively free of weeds and stones became a Sunday ball park for sandlot teams. It cost spectators nothing more than a few coins when the hat was passed for the players.

When I lived in Ridgewood the Farmers' Oval, a real ballpark, was within walking distance of my home. The home team was named the Ridgewood Farmers as a reminder of the days when most Ridgewood people were just that. The team played every Sunday, with double headers on holidays.

For an admission price of 25 cents, when you couldn't sneak in or snag a ball that had gone over the fence, you could see the hometown team play such semi-pro teams as the Springfield Greys, the Bearded House of David, the Cuban All Stars, the Bushwicks, the Empires and the Bucharach Giants.

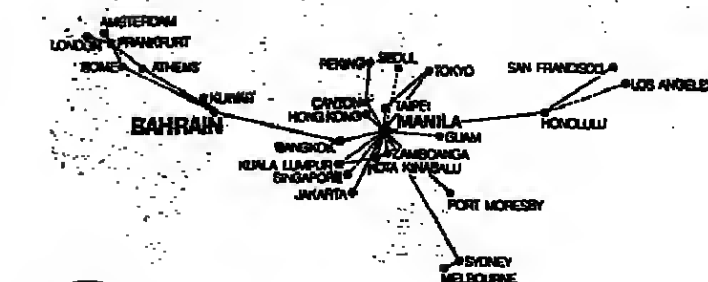
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## Under martial law

## Police jail 48,000 in Assam

GAUHATI, India, April 9 (AFP) — A total of 48,000 arrests have so far been made in India's northeastern state of Assam, where local inhabitants are agitating for the deportation of about five million immigrants from Bangladesh and Nepal.

The arrests by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in a bid to quell the five-month-old disturbances, are the second largest in Indian history and the largest since independence. During the 1942 "Quit India" movement against the British 92,000 arrests were made. "It is our national movement. We are never short of volunteers to go to jail", Ashoke Mohanta told AFP as he boarded the prison truck here Tuesday.

Every morning 1,000 volunteers, mostly women, march through Gauhati and assemble in front of the local administrator's office followed by prison trucks, shouting slogans, they board the trucks and were taken away to a nearby jail.

"It has become a ritual. They (the agitators) do not create much trouble. We take them to prison and hand them over. I am only worried about my ear drums — they shout slogans all the time and I am supposed to sit with them," Samir Barua, a police inspector in charge of the operation, said.

The Assam agitators want deportation of immigrants who came here after 1951, on the grounds that local people are becoming a minority in their own homeland. They have rejected government proposals of 1971 and 1967 as the deadline.

Last week Mrs. Gandhi's chief administrator here assumed extraordinary powers by a government order enabling the army to shoot on sight and arrest anyone without giving any reason.

An army division moved in to crack down on the agitators who have been blocking on flow from here to the rest of the country.

## In 12th round of talks

BOGOTA, April 9 (AP) — Cautious negotiators for Colombia and 15 other nations whose top envoys have been held six weeks in the Dominican Republic embassy were grasped again for agreement in a 12th round of talks with guerrillas.

Usually well-informed sources said at least two parallel negotiating sessions might take place.

One was officially scheduled for 1400 GMT Tuesday in a van parked outside the mission building. It would involve a guerrilla spokesperson, Colombian government officials and a representative of the hostages.

The other session could take place inside the embassy itself and be a face-to-face

## Amateur bomb-hunters head for Laos

BANGKOK, April 9 (AP) — A small group of Americans with a steel-plated farm tractor is headed for the Plain of Jars in Laos, where local people say U.S. bombers dropped two tons of bombs for every man, woman and child during 10 years of bombardment. The group of Mennonite Christian evangelists say that although they are amateurs in ordnance, they are determined to do a job they say nobody else seems to want to do — to find and set off some of the thousands of unexploded bombs that still take the lives of Lao farmers.

Fred Swartzendruber, who comes from Pennsylvania and now works in the Laotian capital of Vientiane, said the tractor is already in Laos and will make its first run through a field of unexploded bombs in the next week.

"We're going to take it up, find and area, take it out, and see what happens," he said. The tractor will be driven by a Lao volunteer. He said that after months of trying, the Mennonites have had little success in obtain-

ing technical advice from the U.S. government. Now that they are actually sending their tractor into fields of explosives, he said. "We're hoping that some government will intervene and say, 'We can't have all these amateurs messing around. Let us do it right!'"

The Plain of Jars in the central Laotian province of Xieng Khouang was one of the most heavily bombed areas during the Indochina war, on effect a free-fire zone against suspected Pathet Lao hideouts and a dumping ground for bombers returning to Thailand from unsuccessful missions over North Vietnam.

From the air, Swartzendruber said, the region now looks "like a smallpox case," with craters within craters covering the landscape. On the ground, he said, the fields are still covered with thousands of bombs of all sorts, most of them small anti-personnel bombs designed to explode when handled.

The U.S. government says 50,000 tons of bombs were dropped over the region.

Assam produces 5.5 million tons of crude annually and picketing oil installations was causing the country a daily loss on 32 million rupees (\$4 million), courting arrest is a typical Indian way to show resentment and defiance of the government.

"Ours is a peaceful movement. This is the most effective and peaceful way to display to the government that we are not afraid", Prafulla Kumar Mahantag, president of the All Assam Student Union (AASU), which is spearheading the movement, said.

The authorities, surprised at the large number of arrests, discovered that at least 60 per cent of the names on prison lists disappeared every third day. To avoid complications and save space in jails, the authorities release most of them the next day.

"They are smart people they court arrest knowing that we will release them and after a day's rest, they go on the street again," Decabrata Sharma, a police officer, said.

the Vatican.

The government said Tuesday's talks were viewed with "prudent optimism." Foreign Minister Diego Uribe Vargas delayed his departure for an urgent meeting with Andean Pact colleagues in Lima, Peru, apparently because of the hostage crisis.

There was almost no movement around the four-story embassy building near the national university Monday except for delivery of food and medical supplies by Red Cross workers.

The well-armed guerrillas of the M-19, a nationalistic, leftist band, stormed the mission during a Feb. 27 cocktail party. Of 56 original hostages, 35 have been released and one escaped.

Thirteen ambassadors, five additional foreign consular officers and two Colombians remain inside along with an estimated two dozen or more captors.

There were signs following a Holy Week lull that both sides were more anxious to progress in the talks.

The young guerrillas who originally demanded the release of 311 persons from Colombia, \$50 million dollar ransom and safe passage for all out of the country, reportedly have whittled down the request.

Government sources say the captors have now presented a "non-negotiable" list of 28 prisoners they claim are held for political reasons by the government.

A usually reliable source indicated that the guerrillas have asked Red Cross to negotiate some of the demands.

Colombia has said that it holds no "political prisoners" and that the persons guerrillas want freed are criminals who must be judged in courts. However, the government has taken several steps to expedite trials.

The ambassadors and acting ambassadors held are from Bolivia, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, Haiti, Israel, Mexico, Paraguay, Switzerland, United States, Vatican and Venezuela.

## Tito's condition continues grave, doctors report

BELGRADE, April 9 (AP) — President Josip Broz Tito's doctors said Wednesday there were no signs that a new attack of pneumonia was spreading.

"The health condition of President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito remains very grave," they said in their brief daily advisory.

The 87-year-old president's doctors said he was still suffering from a high temperature and they were continuing intensive measures to keep him alive.

Tito's doctors the day before had reported a new inflammation of his lungs, only two days after they said he had almost beaten a case of pneumonia first reported Feb. 23.

The elderly Yugoslav president is also suffering from kidney failure, heart weakness and internal bleeding problems — complications which developed after the Jan. 20 amputation of his left leg.

Tito, hospitalized for an 89th straight day Wednesday, has been kept alive by an artificial kidney machine since last Feb. 22. Doctors have never described the other intensive measures they say they have been using for weeks.

"The pneumonia is not showing signs of spreading further," the doctors said Wednesday in their advisory, reported by the national news agency Tanjug.

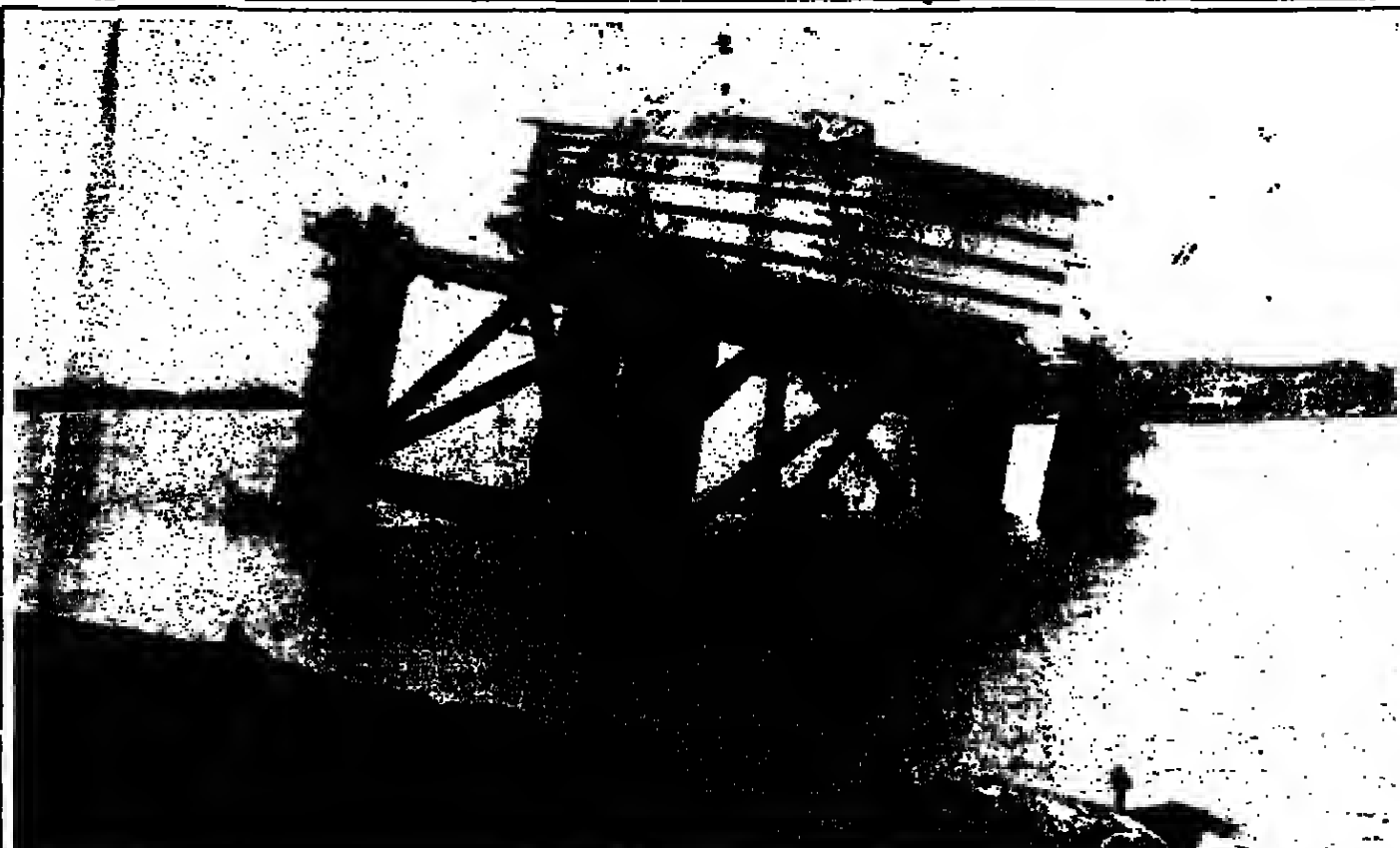
Doctors did not say if the fever was related to the pneumonia. One week ago, they had blamed it on blood contamination which the official advisory did not describe.

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## Young Rhodesian guerrillas

## Former school-breakers await free classes

SALISBURY, April 9 (AP) — "Lion's Rear" Mangwende, a teenage guerrilla whose specialty was to close down Rhodesian schools, hopes now to benefit from the fledgling socialist government's pledge of free education for all.

"Some of us were fighting for more than freedom and the vote," he says of the bloody seven-year war that cost some 20,000 lives, most of them guerrillas. "Some of us were fighting for the right to school places and jobs."

Mangwende, 18, fled his eastern Rhodesian village of mud huts a year before the ceasefire last December to join guerrillas fighting for control of the country, previously ruled by a white minority.

Three months before British-supervised elections in February he was captured by Rhodesian soldiers, interrogated and freed under an amnesty.

"All I want now is a teacher and some books," he says, expressing the sentiments of thousands of other young blacks.

They pin their hopes on the month-old government of Robert Mugabe, an avowed socialist who was head of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic Front faction), whose forces Mangwende fought with. Mugabe, 56, has made free education for all children and young adults a priority of his government.

"The biggest challenge facing us is the re-opening of the schools," says his 34-year-old education minister, Dzingat

Mutumbuka, who taught refugees and guerrilla recruits in Mozambique bush camps throughout the war.

Ironically, it was guerrillas like Mangwende and others loyal to either Mugabe or rival Patriotic Front leader Joshua Nkomo who set education back. In their efforts to undermine civil authority, guerrillas closed hundreds of schools, affecting some 480,000 pupils, half the school population.

Before that, education was largely a privilege of the 250,000 whites. Some \$751 a year was earmarked for each white child aged 5 to 15 under compulsory education, while \$68 was allocated to each of the blacks lucky enough to get into classrooms.

A quarter of all black children never learned to read or write, 33 out of 108 finished only primary school, six out of 100 went to secondary school and only three out of 100 got through four years of secondary school.

The result is that half of the seven million inhabitants are illiterate or semi-literate.

Minister Mutumbuka has promised to re-open schools closed during the war, build new ones and convert other public buildings for education.

The government has even taken over as classrooms several beerhalls where blacks traditionally gathered to exchange gossip over plastic buckets of porridge-like corn brew.

"What every man has always wanted apart from the vote was education for his kids," says Clement Mukarat, 54. He has spent

most of his monthly wage of \$80 on education for five children. Blacks and whites have traditionally paid annual school fees of \$60.

Many independent African governments made similar promises only to find that cash shortages forced tens of thousands of children to remain in rustic villages, tending the family cattle, sheep and goat herds or tilling the land for corn, cassava and vegetables.

After independence from Britain April 18, Mugabe's government is expected to spend heavily for education, which previously accounted for about one-tenth of an annual budget of some \$1.5 billion.

Mugabe, who holds six degrees earned from correspondence studies while a political prisoner of the former white-minority government, has spoken out often on the need for universal education.

His ministers and advisers, many former guerrillas who fought the war by night and studied in hide-outs by day, are working out other plans to boost the economy so newly educated blacks will find jobs.

Mugabe aides say he is anxious to avoid the mistakes of past governments which in the period of 1969-1975 produced some 170,000 graduates and only 33,000 jobs.

Like many other blacks in a similar plight, Mangwende hopes new schools will open soon.

"I just want to be educated like those other people who never fought in the war," he says. "If I can't, why did I fight?"

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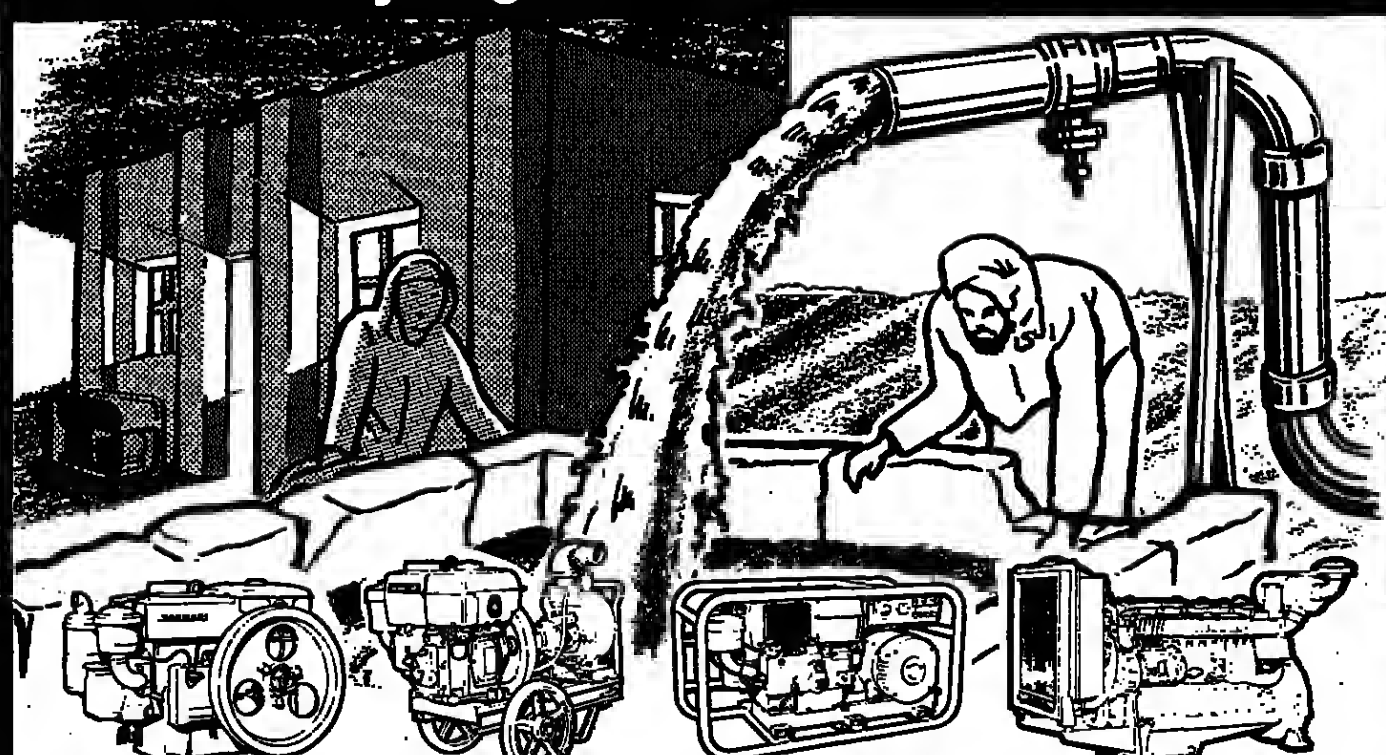
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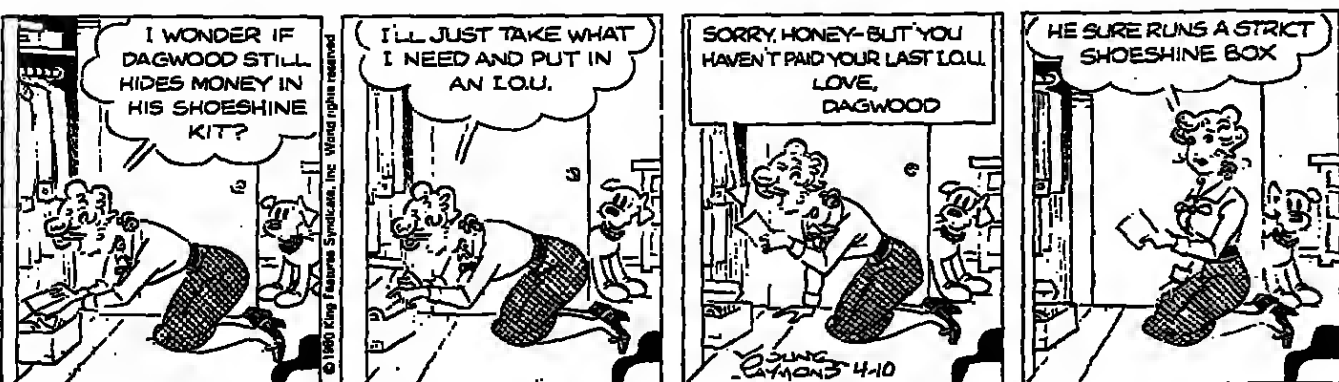
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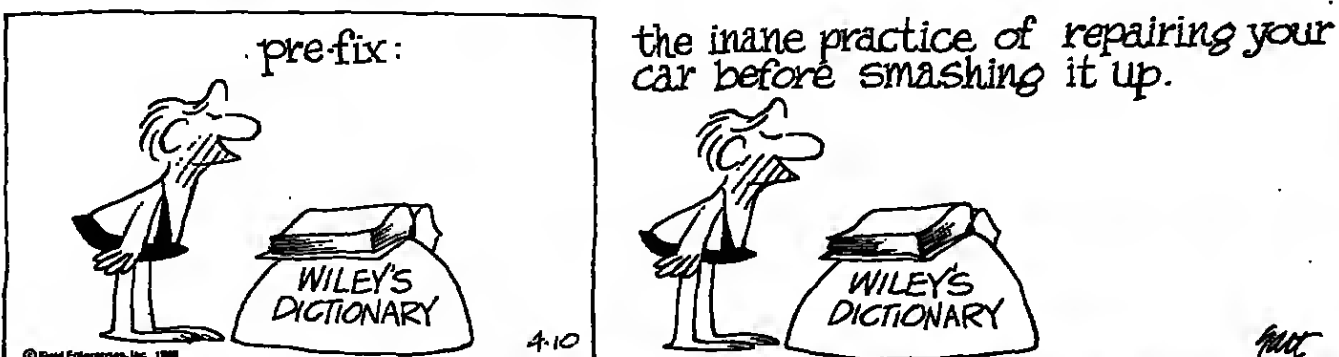
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♥ A 7  
♦ A Q 7 3  
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EAST  
♠ J 8 5 3 2  
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♦ Q 9 7 5 4  
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SOUTH  
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The bidding:

South West North East  
1♣ Pass 3♦ Pass  
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Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

Bad luck is often a factor in the outcome of a hand, but there are cases where bad luck can be overcome by good management. Here is a typical case.

Let's say you're in six spades and West leads a diamond. At first sight the only loser appears to be a heart, but when you win the diamond with the king and play the ace of trumps, East shows out and your stock

plummets sharply. The slam apparently must go down one. But if you have the correct attitude, you start to think in terms of how the contract can be made despite the foul trump break. And if you think about the matter long enough, you come up with the right answer. The task is not as hopeless as it looks, because there is a possibility of making the slam if the rest of the cards are well placed.

There is no way of escaping the trump loser, so you set your sights on avoiding the heart loser. It may require some luck to meet this goal, but if you don't buy a ticket you can't expect to win the raffle. What you do is pray that West was dealt the king of hearts and that you can eventually force him to lead from it.

In line with this, you cash the A-K of clubs and ruff a club. Next you cash the A-Q of diamonds and ruff a diamond. Finally, you cash the K-Q of trumps and exit from dummy with a trump.

West is compelled to win the trump and, with only two cards left — the K-9 of hearts — he must lead one. It does not matter whether he plays the nine or the king — in either case you lose no heart tricks and make the slam.

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## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Social life is happily accented, but as the party wears on some tempers could be aroused. Know when to call it a day.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

You'll make important career progress. Later, be sure to give equal time to family and friends. Stimulating news from a friend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Harness your originality. Your thoughts bring new life to a work project. Late p.m. finds you edgy and prone to argument.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)

Educational and creative projects stimulate your imagination. Others make excuses later, but they're probably legitimate.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22)

You might get to first base with a romantic interest, but problems could arise later. In other words, don't push your luck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

You're an effective communicator today, and you'll

make important work progress. Overtime may make you cranky.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

A new career project will bring financial gain, but watch spending. Romance is happily highlighted, but p.m. friction possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

A time to launch new creative projects. Domestic harmony could give way to career disputes. Talks with children favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Mentally you're stimulated. Find constructive outlets for creative ideas. Don't waste time on the phone or arguing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You may indulge yourself in a pleasant shopping trip, only to be faced later with criticism by others of your spending habits or purchases.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Investigate new career options. Your personality goes over well with others, but in the late p.m. you could become temperamental.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

You'll accomplish much from behind the scenes. Later you could become restless or lose interest. Stress logic over emotions.

FOR RELEASE THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1980

## Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Instance

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10 Surrounded by

11 Turned into

12 Vanished

13 Weak

14 Work unit

15 Lawyers' group

16 Daughter of Cadmus

17 Holm

18 Celtic deity

20 Intellectual

22 Constrain

23 British composer

24 Vestige

25 Moist

26 Safari member

27 Moslem V.I.P.

28 Church season

29 Burmese native

30 Energy source

31 Swiss canton

34 Soon enough

36 Presently

37 "From a Marriage"

38 Money: slang

39 Coat with metal

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3 Gay Nineties

4 salon employee

4 Nigerian city

5 "Victory" heroine

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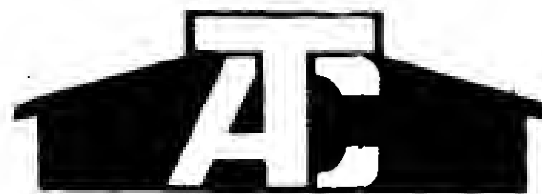
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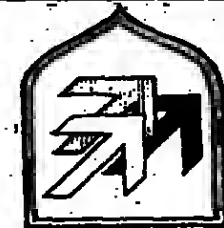


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### Tehran captors threaten

## 'We will kill spies-hostages'

TEHRAN, April 9 (AP) — The militants occupying the U.S. embassy in Tehran Wednesday threatened to kill their 50 American hostages — "burn them into ashes" — if the administration of U.S. President Jimmy Carter takes any military action against Iran.

The militants' threat came as U.S. officials were hinting at a naval blockade or mining of Iran's ports if Carter's new economic and

diplomatic sanctions fail to free the hostages, who were in their 158th day in captivity Wednesday.

"In the name of God the avenger we plainly warn the criminal government of the United States that if it undertakes even the smallest military intervention in Iran we will kill all the spies-hostages together and we emphatically warn the respected U.S. nation that the criminals of the U.S. administration will be directly responsible for such an event," said the militants' statement, carried by Tehran Radio.

In the early days of the crisis the militants said they would kill the hostages if the United States made a military attempt to rescue them. They said they had rigged the embassy compound with explosives.

Later Wednesday, Iran's official news agency Pars carried another militant statement declaring, "We will burn into ashes the spy hostages and the building they are living in if we see any suspicious military move or the least military attack by the U.S. against the territory of Iran."

Ghotbzadeh, interviewed by American television networks Wednesday morning, said he doubted that the Iranian government could stop the embassy militants if they decided to carry out their threat. "But I hope we never go to that end."

In Washington, Carter administration officials declined to make immediate comment on the threat. In the past, Carter has warned of severe retaliation if any hostages are harmed.

In another development Wednesday, the former Shah left a Cairo military hospital and moved to the Kubbah Palace in the Egyptian

capital. He reportedly will stay there for a few days.

His doctors said the exiled Shah, whose cancerous spleen was removed in surgery two weeks ago, was recuperating well. He is suffering from cancer of the lymph system and of the liver, which the doctors say will be treated with drugs.

Carter has appealed to America's European allies to join the United States in cutting off exports to Iran, but so far none has showed any signs of giving more than vocal support to the reprisals.

The foreign ministers of the nine European Common Market nations are to meet in Lisbon, Portugal, Wednesday night to begin consultations on the Iran crisis.

Iran ships 550,000 barrels of oil a day to Japan, 250,000 to Britain and 400,000 to other Western European nations. The Tehran regime has threatened to deny its oil to any who join the United States in cutting off shipments of food or other necessities.

Algeria will represent Iranian interests on the United States following the expulsion of Iranian diplomats, official sources said in Algiers Wednesday. The diplomats departed by the Tuesday midnight deadline set by Carter.

The sources, quoted by the National news Agency, said Iranian authorities had made the request and that the Algerian government has agreed.

In Bern, Switzerland, the Swiss Foreign Ministry said the United States has asked Switzerland to represent U.S. interests in Iran following Washington's decision to cut off all diplomatic relations.



SPRING THAW: A thick cover of snow slides down a roof at the eastern Swiss resort town of Flumserberg. Above-freezing temperatures sets the snow moving, but cold nights stop it again. It's the same on surrounding hills, where there is likely to be good skiing for days to come despite spring-like weather.

### Says British psychologist

## Idleness a health hazard

LONDON, April 9 (AP) — Do you have enough to do at work? If not, a British psychologist says it may be hazardous to your health.

Peter Warr of the state Medical Research Council has found that boring, dead-end or unimportant jobs can be just as stressful for employees as those which are over-loaded with responsibility.

Warr calls it "deprivation strain." He says the problem affects mostly blue-collar workers, although anyone who suffers from a lack of challenge at work is vulnerable.

"Deprivation strain is showing signs of increase," Warr warned. "We have found that employees who have relatively meaningless jobs are significantly more likely to be potential psychiatric cases."

If this trend continues, Warr asked, "May we yet see government health warnings in the job vacancy columns?"

The research results of Warr's social and applied psychology unit at the University of Sheffield appeared in the latest issue of *Medical Journal*, a British journal for general practitioners.

Warr said that advances in technology have made many jobs more routine and less demanding. At the same time, businesses are sometimes forced by union pressure to keep employees on their payroll though there is nothing for them to do.

His advice to anyone whose job is a breeze? Work elsewhere.

"Paid inactivity can seem attractive initially, but more and more employees are feeling locked into this rather surprising form of

deprivation and are seeking help," Warr explained.

After all, most people are introduced and described to others in terms of their job title; having the job and the title but not the work can gnaw at a conventional worker's self-esteem," Warr says you may soon suffer from "deprivation strain" if:

- Your job lacks variety.
- You go home feeling as if you didn't accomplish a thing.
- Your work has no impact on other people's lives.
- You have no freedom to make choices on the job.
- You know the chances of getting ahead are zero.

Warr and his psychology team of 20 gave out questionnaires to 1,500 British workers, most of them blue-collar laborers toiling in factories, construction work or similar jobs. They found what Warr called "a clear statistical parallel" between the amount of challenge employees have at work, and their image of themselves.

"In this day and age, work is a major part of people's lives. It is a measure of how useful you are in the world," Warr said. "If you feel you are doing your best at work, it will affect how much you like yourself and your overall mental health."

The symptoms of "deprivation strains" come in different forms. Most of the time, workers get depressed, feel anxious, lose interest in the world around them and can't cope with even simple problems.

### In nervous trading

## Dollar falls; gold prices up

LONDON, April 9 (AP) — The U.S. dollar fell sharply against major currencies Wednesday largely because of belief U.S. interest rates had reached their peak, dealers said. Gold prices rose.

"Everyone is now scrambling to sell dollars," one dealer commented. Renewed tension between Iran and the United States also caused a lessening of confidence in the dollar and added to the nervousness of trading.

The dollar fell to 1.8965 West German marks from peaks of more than 1.97 marks during early trading Tuesday. It also dropped sharply against sterling, the Japanese yen and the Swiss and French francs.

Soaring interest rates in the United States, caused by a credit squeeze against inflation, brought on fervent dollar buying by investors in recent weeks. As a result the value of the currency shot up on foreign exchange markets.

But investors now apparently believed the buying of dollars had gone too far, currency dealers said. Leading U.S. economic analysts, including the chairman of a major bank, Citicorp, have said that U.S. rates have reached their peak.

The fall of the dollar Wednesday continued a trend set late Tuesday. It traded Wednesday at 4.3750 French francs compared with 4.5297 about mid-day Tuesday. In the same period it fell to 1.8075 Swiss francs from 1.8650 and 254.75 yen from 260.12.

Increased tensions in the Middle East and Iran also helped the gold price, lifting it to \$547 an ounce compared with \$528 Tuesday.

Concern that the growing U.S. Iranian dispute might rebound on U.S. allies, particularly Japan, Tuesday pushed down the value of the allies currencies. Japan relies heavily

on Iran for its oil supplies.

But investors Wednesday apparently decided the allies would not face serious repercussions.

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Ghotbzadeh: Can't guarantee hostages' safety



52 TO TIMBUKTU: A roadside sign in Morocco points the way to Timbuktu — across open desert — in far-off Mali. The time it takes by camel is, as the sign indicates, 52 days.

### From T.E. Lawrence to David Rockefeller

## Aleppo hotel plays host to exotic visitors

ALEPPO, April 9 (AP) — Mystery writer Agatha Christie could not have dreamed of a more provocative cast of characters than the Aleppo's Baron's Hotel, one of the most notable watering holes on the tracks of the Orient Express.

When the author of *Murder on the Orient Express* signed the leather-bound guest register at the blue-shuttered, dressed stone Baron's a few years ago, she doubtless took note of previous guests. T.E. Lawrence (of Arabia), Iraqi King Faisal, aviator Charles Lindbergh, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Cardinal Spellman and boxer Gene Tunney. There have been no murders here. But the narrow, arched entrance to the Baron's, barely high enough to admit proprietor Krikor Mazloumian's battered '58 Chevy station wagon, has seen royalty, generals, millionaires, writers, diplomats, peace makers and astronauts in its 69 years.

Even today's visitors to this 4,000-year-old city spurn more modern accommodations for the Baron's mahogany-paneled dining room, its brass chandeliers and doorknobs, oriental carpets and arched doorways flanked by stone columns — all of which recall a day, barely 30 years ago, when guests used to shoot ducks in the gardens outside.

Apparently they do not mind dancing with Mazloumian's platinum blonde golden retrievers, Caesar and Alpinia, who seem to

be innocently playing underfoot or sniffing in tandem at every turn.

Born the year before the hotel was opened in 1911, Mazloumian remembers seeing Lawrence and many other great Baron's guests.

"I think a lot of these people came through Aleppo because the orient express used to split into two parts here: the better half went to Baghdad and the other to Beirut," said Mazloumian, a natty dresser with a British wife and a British accent that, to the American ear at least, is perfect.

Gene Tunney passed through Aleppo in the late 20's, on the trail of an automobile expedition to Peking sponsored by the French manufacturers Citroen and National Geographic magazine. The Citroen car had tank tracks instead of rear wheels.

"Tunney had a calling card that identified him as a special assistant to the governor of the state of Connecticut and his wife was with him — absolutely smashing woman," said Mazloumian. "They had heard that my father had a few cases of rare German wine. Bern Castellon von Dokka Lola, or something like that. They bought them all."

American millionaire David Rockefeller, who stayed at the Baron's just three years ago, wrote in the register: "It's a great pleasure to come back to a hotel like the Baron's 34 years after my first visit during World War

II."

Mazloumian recalls that the Baron's harem refused to believe Rockefeller was Rockefeller.

The Baron's elegant terrace, tall-ceilinged bedrooms and heavy oak doors have been royalty from all corners of Europe: King Gustave Adolphe and Queen Louise of Sweden, Queen Ingrid of Denmark, Prince Peter of Greece, Lady Louis Mountbatten of England, to name but a few.

Latinate names in the guest list register the term of the French mandate in Syria, after Lawrence's time. A crop of Vichy French names spring up with the rise of Nazi Germany, later to surrender during the Second World War to British generals with names like Slim, Spears, Auchinleck, Templer.

Cardinal Spellman slips inconspicuously into the war years, trying to arrange a truce between the allies and the Nazis, unsuccessfully, Mazloumian remembers.

On April fool's Day, 1914, Lawrence of Arabia, who then was leading the Arab revolt against the Turks, wrote on Baron's stationery to his family: "Another letter from this beautiful hotel, whose face you must be getting to know by heart."

The bill of the great Englishman is framed in a dusty showcase in a sitting room of the Baron's lobby just over 75 gold French francs.